

THE

*Atodnem*

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Lots of luck  
Valerie "53"

Frank Edack

Good Luck

Dave  
"53"

Good Luck. Ronald  
Jackie Wilson  
"53"

Best of luck to you + your girl  
Clem Schreger  
"52"

"Good Luck"  
Billy Brown  
"53"

In a pretzel-bender  
From old Sal  
Bruce Perry  
"52"

(Lots of luck to a  
Grand old pal.)

That's what a Dad is

Lots of luck  
to a girl  
chaser and  
how. What!  
Fritz Rod

Best of luck to  
another H. redman.  
Ruth Brunton

The lampest  
Henry  
"53"

Best of wishes  
to a "baked"

who had Miss Buege  
for a English teacher

Guy (Pete) Hockett  
"53"

?

Good luck to  
another  
"53"

Harry Keeney  
"53"

Good Luck have  
remember your name, keep  
only 3 more up.  
open chin up.  
as ever  
your friend

Good luck!  
Audrey Furchend  
"53"

Good luck  
to a good friend  
mate a yellow-alaser  
with that yellow-alaser  
"53"



If I were you  
and you were me  
what queer we  
would both be.  
Clarence Fish  
"52"

Mary "53"  
Luridan

loads of  
luck in the  
next few (3) years at M.H.S.  
52nd 52  
52nd 52  
Lots of luck  
to a swell bus  
pol.  
Eileen Wood  
"52"

The Best of Luck  
Curtis Rohr  
"53"

Best Wishes  
Sherill Davis  
"53"

Lots of Luck in the  
next three years at  
high school.  
Wilma Wood  
"53"

Lots of Luck,  
to a swell kid.  
Lorraine Dewey  
"53"

Best of Luck  
Always  
Lorraine Bumba  
"53"

Don Baid  
"52"

Glenn Henry, Jeff, Homer, & his 3 car,

Doris John Jr., & etc

Richard Budach Class of John's  
"53"

Roger Anderson  
"53"

Phyllis Carver  
"53"

Ralph Gibson  
"52"

Loads of Luck  
to a swell kid.  
Betty Budach  
"53"

Good luck  
Darlene Martin  
"53"

Best of Luck  
always  
Edward  
Solomon

Mary Ann  
"53"  
I hope?

Lots of Luck  
to a swell kid,  
see you next year,  
for "Jimmy" Smith  
"53"



To a freak  
From a cheek  
Luck (53) McCorville

To a brain  
from a professor  
Harry Johnson  
"53"

Good luck  
Eddie K Miller  
"50"

lots of luck  
for future  
years  
"53"

Good luck in your  
remaining years.

Chen and go to

to one of my best  
pal I wish the  
best of Luck  
Bricky Lee  
"53"

Best of luck  
to a nice boy  
Doris McCorville  
"53"

Best Wishes &  
Good Luck.  
Barbara Hill  
"53"

To a great  
buddy and good friend  
Ray Van Etten  
"53"

I hope  
Wishes  
for the future  
in luck  
"53"

to a  
good  
friend  
of  
my  
best  
pal  
I  
wish  
the  
best  
of  
luck  
"53"

Good luck  
to a  
friend  
of  
my  
best  
pal  
I  
wish  
the  
best  
of  
luck  
"53"

Good luck  
to a  
friend  
of  
my  
best  
pal  
I  
wish  
the  
best  
of  
luck  
"53"



To Ronnie  
 The witty one  
 (Did we pass maverick?)  
 Betty "53"  
 Betty dudalade

Lots of good luck  
 Billy Joerger  
 To a kid who's made it  
 who he had had my eye  
 on for a long time.

# ATODNEM OF 1950

Dear Garty, lots of luck of luck in your 81 year

Good luck  
 to a cute freshman -  
 almost sophomore -  
 and a true friend -  
 Darlene Mouch

Remember  
 to good old times  
 in the school house  
 and Joerger

Best Luck!  
 Remember English  
 and all that went  
 with it,  
 Jane Vogelhang "53"

Good luck to  
 a nice guy. I sat  
 behind you  
 in 2nd L. H.  
 Mandy

Dear Ronnie,  
 Best of wish in  
 the year to come!

Good luck  
 to a fellow  
 halfwit  
 Dale

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 Seniors of the

MENDOTA HIGH SCHOOL

Mendota, Illinois



# at MHS, STUDENTS

## Choose to Learn

in view of the crossroad to come,

SCHOOL BOARD

OFFICE

CLASSES

FACULTY

BUILDING TRADES

D. O.

STAFF

## Learn to Choose

as the crossroad draws near,

BROADCASTING COUNCIL

FOOTBALL

FESTIVALS

STUDENT COUNCIL

GAA

DEBATE and NFL

BASKETBALL

CHORUS

TRACK

*Best Wishes  
To a good looking  
"Freshman".*

*Lots of luck to you  
in your future years  
at M. H. S.*

*Leatrice Eichorn  
"53"*



To a brother  
I hope you be a very  
good geometry student  
next year. if Ed is going  
to be there  
Bill Gardner  
"53"

Best wishes  
Patsy Smith  
"51"

### THE ROAD NOT TAKEN\*

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And, sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that, the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I marked the first for another day!  
Yet, knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

*and, as Seniors of 1950,*

choose their road of the future

SENIOR HISTORY

SENIORS

FHA

FFA and VO-AG

SPEECH

ATODNEM

HI-LIGHT

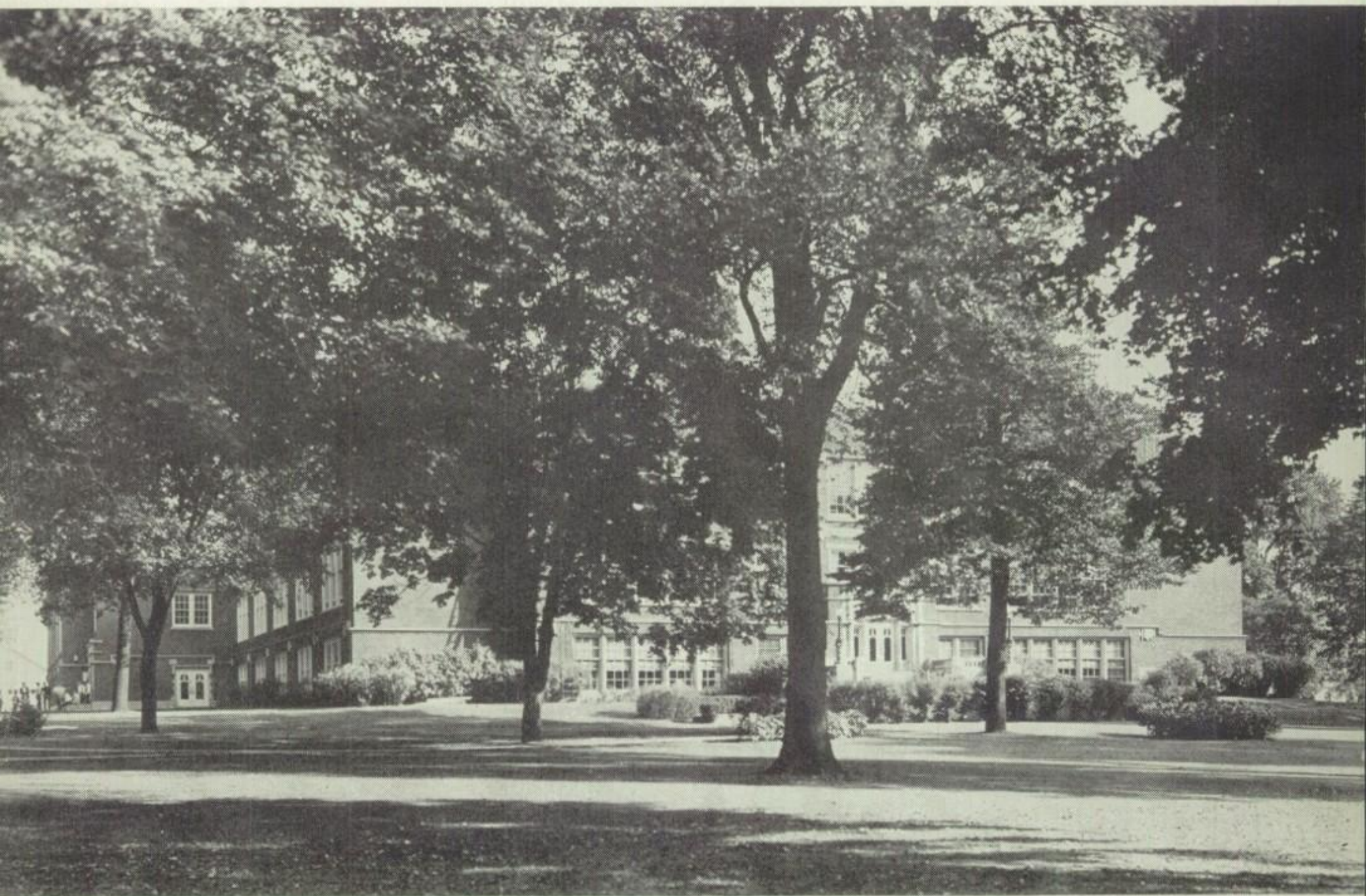
SENIOR PLAY

BAND

Ronnie:  
You're a cute  
kid - let's hope  
we all see more  
of you.  
Maxina  
Brewbaker  
"51"

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**MHS** becomes very familiar to her many students during their four years here.

Our school tries to provide the training necessary to our futures. In her classrooms and laboratories, bookwork and practical experience are interwoven to give maximum results.



To the  
 I hope  
 a good  
 rest of  
 year is  
 best  
 of luck

Next year  
 I will  
 be a  
 student  
 of the  
 school







## *Deserving of honor and praise*

Dispensers of the Hersheys and the Nestles. Elsie and Marvin were familiar to all MHS'ers with a sweet tooth.



"Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man".—Bacon



"This way, please." The ushers helped avoid confusion in the crowded gymnasium.

They weren't always smiling! And you couldn't blame them when magazine covers were torn off and books misplaced. Their help was appreciated by the teachers.



### REGULAR NOON CANDY SALESMEN E. Bunnell, M. Ehlers

MONDAY NIGHT ENGLISH IV CLASS  
Standing: B. Ebbinghaus, J. King, Miss Payne  
Seated: J. Finley, N. Blotch, E. Eunnell, C. Hoffman, M. Ehlers  
Not Pictured: B. Rave

USHERS FOR BASKETBALL GAMES  
Back: B. Phalen, D. Nelson, N. Hoover  
Front: B. Shoemaker, L. Svendsen, M. Emerick

STUDENT LIBRARIANS  
Standing: S. Schmitt, M. Spanier, D. Bumba, S. Gorman  
Seated: M. Brewbaker, B. Ough



# *Our BOARD gives a helping hand*

*T*HE BOARD of Education, which decides all school policies, consists of seven very capable men. It is led by Harold F. Dean, president, with B. Harry Reck as secretary. The other members are Alvin Truckenbrod, Lawrence Watson, James Dubbs, Samuel G. Beetz and George L. Koerper.

Some evidences of the board's efforts in our behalf are our capably managed school, competent faculty, attractive campus, and fleet of five buses. They have expanded the curriculum to afford many more choices and chances for individual development.

Enough credit never has been nor ever will be given to these men for their work, but we, as seniors, wish to express our deepest and most sincere thanks to them in guiding us through our four years of high school.



STANDING: S. Beetz, L. Watson, G. Koerper, J. Dubbs. SITTING: A. Truckenbrod, H. Dean, B. Reck

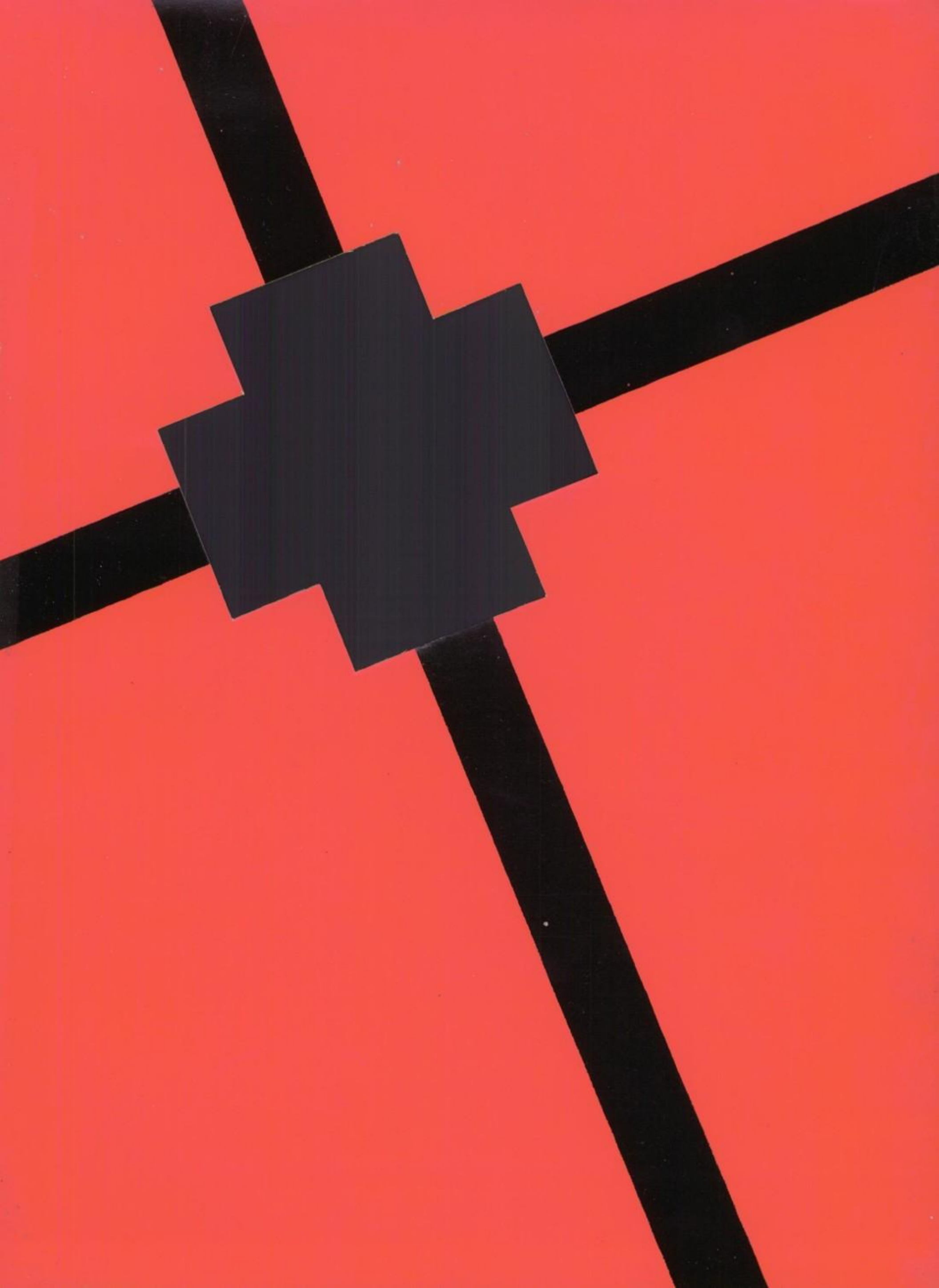


Students at MHS

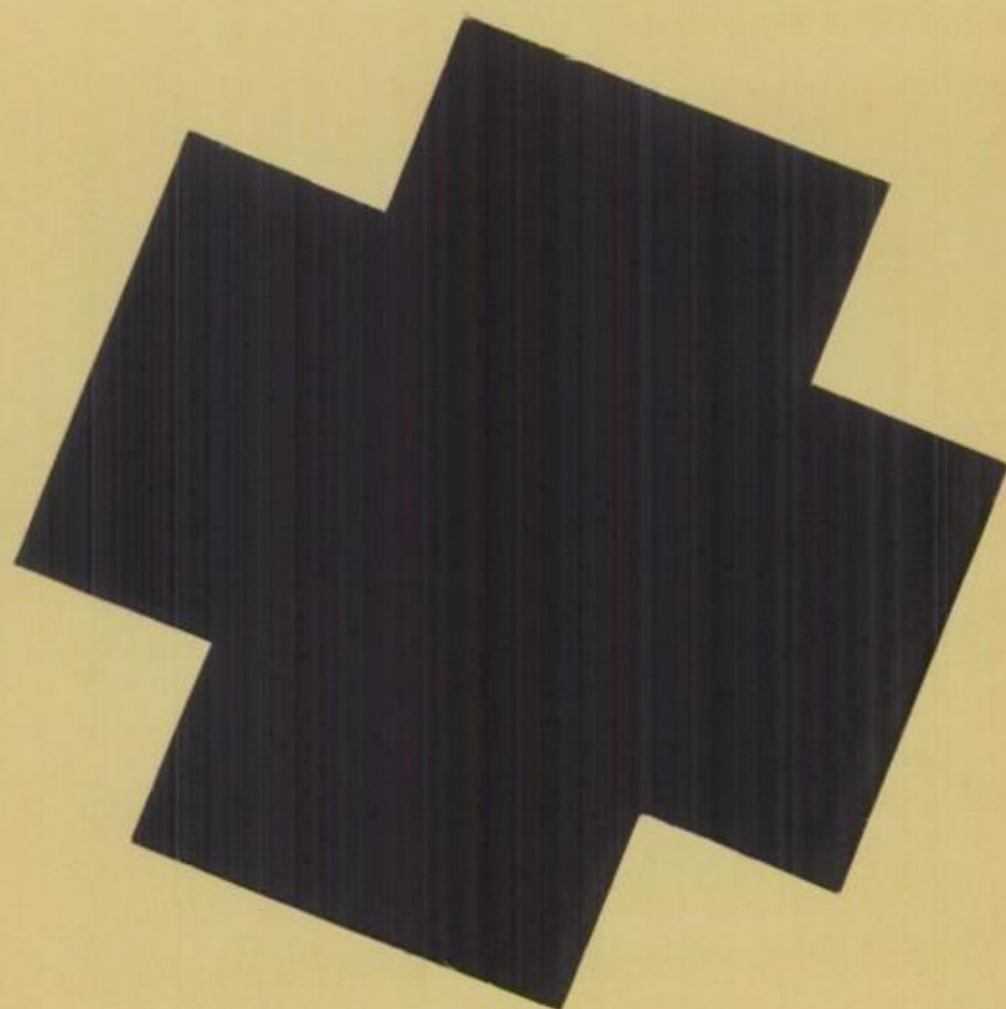
*CHOOSE TO LEARN*

In View of the Crossroad to Come

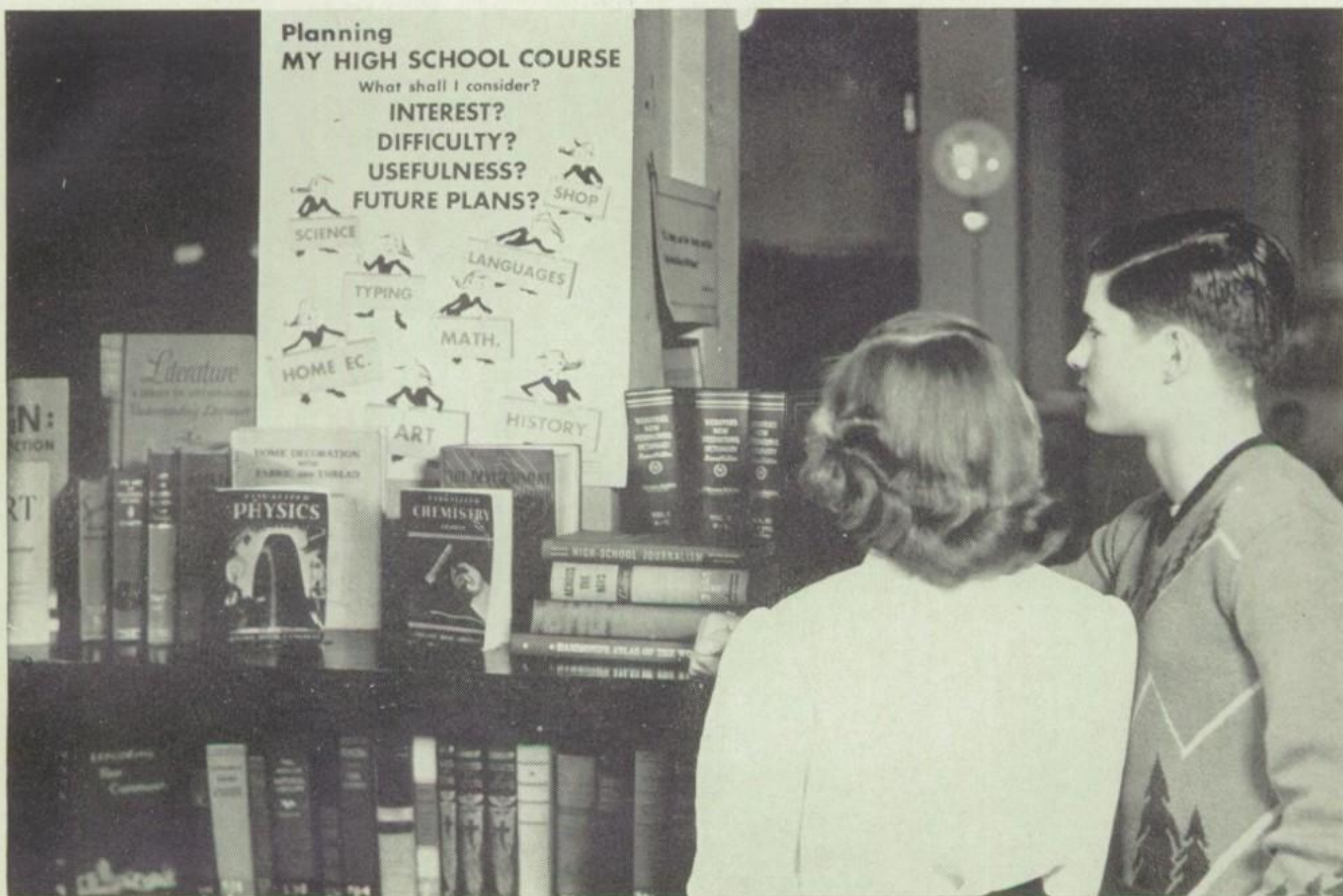












**D**ECISIONS of the past have made you what you are today . . . . . the choices of today will determine what you will be in the future . . . . . important among these decisions is choosing to learn . . . . . throughout your life you will be required to know all sorts of things . . . . . things that you—through wise selection of courses in high school—will have already learned . . . . . for this reason, you must select your subjects wisely with your future always in mind . . . . . what is a wise choice? . . . . . it will not be the same for all . . . . . what's best for someone else may be all wrong for you . . . . . you will be helped by the guidance programs . . . . . you may have council from the Dean of Men or Women . . . . . maybe Mom or Dad will help you . . . . . however you determine your course, make sure it is the right one for you . . . . . then enter it with the thought of getting the most from it . . . . . prepare yourself for tomorrow . . . . . choose to learn.



# *STUDENTS at MHS*

*just everyday guys*



Sweet queen of corn



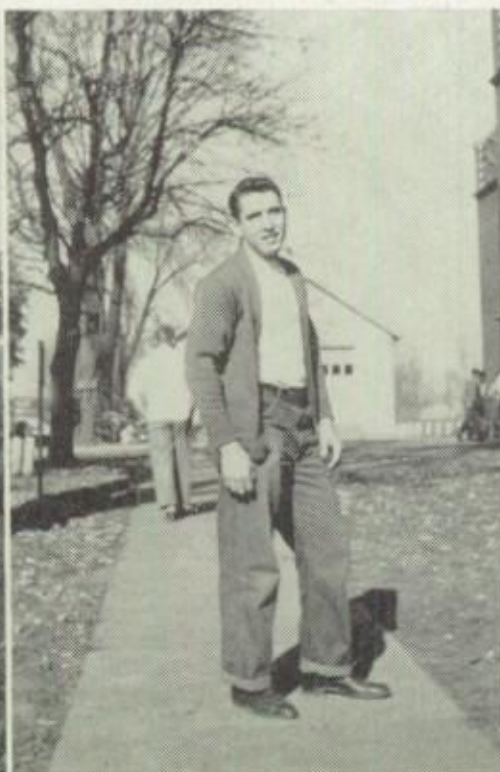
What do you think of overtime parking?



I know a new joke



Another Joe  
DiMaggio



Hey, wait up,  
Bill



Bob and Charley  
(Jones, that is)



Coming or going?



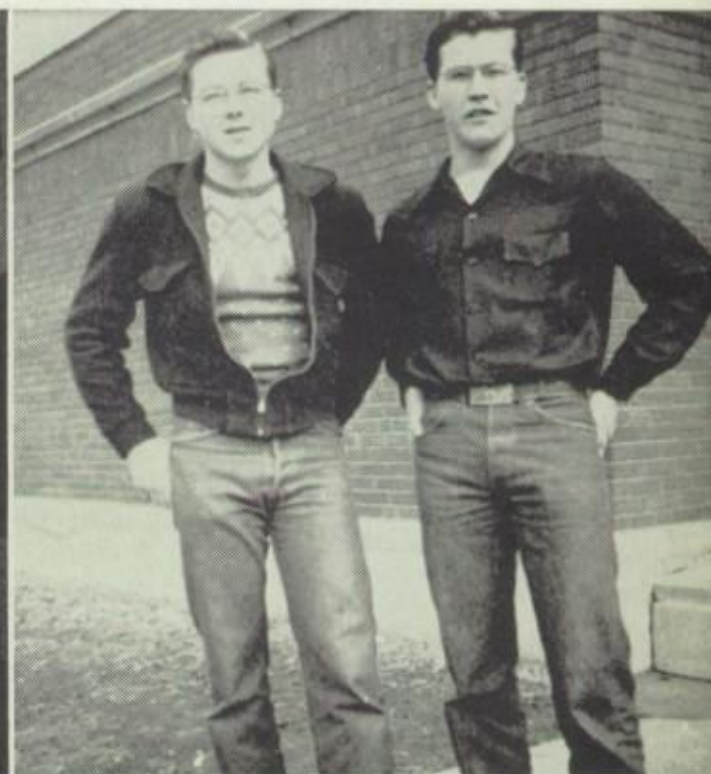
*and gals. Are you one of them?*



**So what?**



**Ever-lovin' ladies**



**Dungaree duo**



**Young America bravely faces  
the future**



**Pin-up girls**



**Mmm . . . nice**





M. E. STEELE  
Principal

OFFICE

*Expert  
helps us choose*

OUR senior year of high school was to us one of the most important in our life. We owe much of this success to the teachers who have helped us. Even though this year may be "just another year" to them, they have never let us feel that way. In every way they have helped to their utmost, working with us as if this year, too, was their most important. It seemed almost impossible for the faculty to find enough time for teaching and participating in their extra-curricular duties. With the combined efforts of the faculty, a successful plan of procedure was made even before we, the students, had finished lolling under the sun.

Our principal, Mr. Steele, was an important factor in making school activities this year run smoothly. For the past 23 years, Mr. Steele has successfully handled the affairs of the Mendota schools. Known far and wide as a progressive and efficient administrator he is largely responsible for the high reputation which our school holds among the schools of the state. Working

with the Board, he has been instrumental in developing and extending the curriculum to meet the needs of all students. Most recent examples of this are the diversified occupations course and the building trades project.

Mr. Mauntel, dean of boys and assistant principal, and Miss Payne, dean of girls, were kept very busy in their administrative and counseling positions. Mr. Mauntel was on call at all times as his students soon realized, for it seemed someone was always interrupting in the middle of class to ask for information, help, or advice. To him fell the unenviable task of supervising the eighth hour detention period. Along with his duties in administration and guidance, Mr. Mauntel had two study halls and taught classes in United States history and economics. As advisor to the seniors he kept a watchful eye on their activities and aided them in solving their problems.

Miss Payne had charge of checking attendance each day, and all absentee and tardy excuses had to pass her critical exam-



## PERSONNEL

### *counseling to learn*



**HARRY W. MAUNTEL**  
Assistant Principal  
Dean of Boys



**HAZEL PAYNE**  
Dean of Girls

ination. She administered the testing program given the freshmen and the vocational guidance given all juniors and seniors. Guidance tests and a vocational unit taught as an integral part of the English III classes, formed the basis for the individual conferences which Miss Payne held with each student. As advisor to the Student

Council, Miss Payne supervised the many all-school activities the Council sponsored. These large scale functions took innumerable hours of planning and preparation. Three classes in English III rounded out her day at school. In addition Miss Payne voluntarily organized an evening class in English IV the second semester.



**Laura Theurer, Thelma Hutchinson**

## OFFICE SECRETARIES

Just as every business has to have secretaries to keep things running smoothly, so does MHS. In their work they, Miss Theurer and Mrs. Hutchinson, were never too busy to stop and help some student whose problems were too big for him. Any time a bandaid or aspirin was needed by one of the students, they could depend upon the "office girls" to help them.





*Our newest*





# travelers — the FRESHMEN —

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YOU ARRIVE at MHS a little frightened — but soon you discover that others are not sure of themselves, either . . . . . you gradually select a group of friends from all the strange faces . . . . . you watch for the first appearance of your name in the Hi-Light . . . . . you earn the title, "Giggling Girls," that is passed from class to class . . . . . you get slicked up for your first high school dance . . . . . you go all out for the magazine drive — and, as usual, you excel in it . . . . . you play basketball or go to the games and cheer like mad . . . . . you begin to wonder if there ever will be a freshman party . . . . . you struggle through factoring and "hic, haec, hoc" . . . . . you have your chance to be humble as you suffer through GAA initiation . . . . . you learn the little things that make you belong . . . . . you buy your lunch at the cafeteria because it's something different . . . . . you decorate the gym for the all-school party . . . . . you bring new pep and spirit into MHS . . . . . because — you are the freshmen of 1950.

## HOMEROOMS

BACK ROW: M. Ehlers, J. Brown, R. Anderson, W. Castle, B. Boykin, B. Cudaback, B. Austin, D. Bumba  
3rd ROW: L. Eichorn, H. Brunner, B. Bromenschenkel, R. Eudach, B. Durham, E. Fober, J. Cummings, Miss Pottinger  
2nd. ROW: B. Campbell, L. Dewey, P. Corcoran, M. Bruckner, S. Davis, D. Amfahr  
SEATED: M. Cork, B. Crandall, B. Bialas, H. Bunton, D. Beets, W. Brown, M. Ebbinghaus

BACK ROW: R. Geil, J. Hochstatter, B. Fitzsimmons, A. Frey, M. Hanson, R. Garrity, B. Gehler  
3rd. ROW: M. Harvey, J. Kessinger, R. Gillette, H. Johnson, B. Joerger, E. Henry, M. Kidd, Mr. Lewis  
2nd. ROW: P. Heininger, S. Hoadley, B. Geil, J. Kidd, R. Harris, B. Gardner  
SEATED: J. Gray, D. Jordon, G. Funfsinn, E. Herbert, M. Glaser, K. Jauch, S. Kilburn

BACK ROW: J. Roach, E. Nance, C. Rohr, H. Sauer, E. Peasley, K. Ryan, E. Miller  
3rd. ROW: R. Montavon, J. Lambert, H. Shed, D. Martin, N. Lucas, A. McManus, L. Roach, Mr. Morris  
2nd. ROW: D. Lewis, E. Salomone, D. McConville, D. Klein, J. Rave, G. Olson, J. Longbein, G. Politsch, D. Rod  
SEATED: D. McConville, D. McLaughlin, M. Schwemlein, P. Roth, M. Sheridan, C. Loach, V. Novak

BACK ROW: J. Slotter, S. Spenader, J. Vogelsang, D. Van Effen, J. Wixom, J. Wilhelm, D. Ward  
3rd. ROW: J. Wood, G. Schmidt, D. Waller, D. Sterchi, C. Sondgeroth, L. Shetter, J. Sibigroth, Miss Brown  
2nd. ROW: J. Zimmerman, N. Steele, R. Younglove, L. Van Dorn, A. Spenader, J. Sonntag, C. Smith  
SEATED: K. Weiss, W. Wood, B. Zimmerlein, B. Stuber, M. Walter, A. Truckenbrod, V. Smith



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

E. Peasley, Vice-Pres.; B. Gehler, Pres.; M. Bruckner, Sec.-Treas.



# On the road, *SOPHOMORES* pass

**7** HIS YEAR you are a little more poised and confident . . . . . you wonder if you were ever as nervous and silly as the freshmen . . . . . you fight with Caesar's legions in Gaul . . . . . you divide your time between diagrams in English and parallelograms in geometry . . . . . you learn to drive the driver's training car . . . . . you discover that teachers are here to guide and help you, not scare you . . . . . you have your own teams this year, the Jay Tees . . . . . you pick and choose and argue and compare and finally select your class rings . . . . . you start having more dates . . . . . you enter the Kitch without that self-conscious feeling you used to have . . . . . you come to be known as distinct personalities by the other classes . . . . . you try out for the all-school play and speech contests . . . . . you learn to dance during the noon hour or from your older sister or brother . . . . . you serve at the prom banquet and long for next year when you can go too . . . . . you are betwixt and between . . . . . because — you are the sophomores of 1950.

## HOMEROOMS



BACK ROW: N. Anderson, N. Carr, D. Baird, J. Eichorn, B. Dewey, D. Biers, N. Phalen, Mrs. Doenier  
SECOND ROW: M. Fayen, D. Danekas, L. Dunn, C. Bassing, R. Childers, G. Eich  
SEATED: E. Bumba, R. Auchstetter, T. Auchstetter, C. Cotton, E. Baird, M. Biers, J. Dougherty

BACK ROW: R. Klinefelter, D. Kuehl, J. Gehler, R. Gibson, J. Klein, D. Jones  
THIRD ROW: Mr. Doenier, D. Hoelzer, L. Kinney, N. Inman, D. McCollum, P. Lambert, E. Jewel, C. Joerger  
SECOND ROW: B. Mathesius, D. Karl, J. Keefe, R. Leiser, R. Hosto, V. Heinzeroth  
SEATED: D. Goubeaux, C. Mann, M. Larabee, C. Hoover, C. Graper, M. Harris, P. Kessler

BACK ROW: D. McNally, S. Morton, D. Olson, K. Ough, K. Nowlin, D. Preston, M. Rempfer, V. Meyer, B. Pohl, Mr. Pourchot  
SECOND ROW: W. Prescott, K. McLaughlin, W. Meyer, C. Rich, W. Norwick, B. Ough, P. Phalen, J. Pierce  
SEATED: D. Ohlinger, P. Mealey, J. Pohl, D. Rider, D. Morsch, P. McLaughlin, H. Oberholz

BACK ROW: V. Young, E. Schweiger, A. Steele, B. Sibigroth, H. Schmidt, J. Tower, Miss Brown  
THIRD ROW: J. Woods, L. Thompson, E. Wood, O. Spenader, E. Sollitt, B. Schwingle  
SECOND ROW: A. Williams, L. Schlesinger, N. Worsley, J. Robinson, S. Scherger, J. Roach  
SEATED: P. Wood, M. Truckenbrod, J. Waller, J. Truckenbrod, J. McLaughlin, B. Spanier, S. Scott

## SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

J. Roach, Vice-Pres.; P. Phalen, Pres.; L. Schlesinger, Sec.-Treas.



*a milestone*



*not  
the  
one*





# *Major tasks*





# of play and prom face JUNIORS

**A**T LAST you have reached a goal . . . . . now you can be a wheel instead of just another cog . . . . . you've looked forward to being an upper-classman — but it doesn't feel much different from being a lower classman . . . . . you work for the broadcasting council . . . . . you get to play on the varsity teams . . . . . you learn to type and make chlorine . . . . . you reach back into the dim dark past to write your autobiography . . . . . you study vocations and try to pick out the right one for yourself . . . . . you play hockey, you sing, you are offered D.O. . . . . you act out Emily and George of "Our Town" . . . . . you work hard, and present a wonderful play, "Seventeenth Summer" . . . . . you believe that the success of your prom depends on attendance and participation by all juniors and seniors . . . . . to that end, you practice dancing and the social graces . . . . . you prove yourselves the perfect hosts . . . . . you prepare for your place of leadership next year . . . . . because — you are the juniors of 1950.

## HOMEROOMS

BACK ROW: L. Edwards, J. Budach, M. Bankes, G. Ehlers, J. Cogdal, J. Auchstetter, L. Buettner, Miss Payne

SECOND ROW: B. Durand, D. Bialas, R. Childers, J. Dougherty, D. Abbott, D. Barnickle, N. Bauer

SEATED: A. Crane, C. Bryson, N. Cotton, V. Drees, M. Brewbaker, M. Dalton, J. Brunner, R. Bunton

BACK ROW: D. Kofoed, D. Kofoid, J. Herbert, G. Johnson, N. Hoover, R. Koerper, G. Hochstatter, Mr. Norton

SECOND ROW: F. Ethridge, W. Kratz, J. Harmon, R. Elsesser, M. Jackson, G. Foote, J. Halbmaier

SEATED: C. Jackson, M. Greenwood, N. Kaufmann, M. Emerick, J. Klein, B. Hall, F. Grothen, M. Gorman

BACK ROW: Mrs. Elsesser, J. McCormick, A. Rod, B. McIntyre, D. Nelson, D. Mosher, B. Patrick

SECOND ROW: D. Newell, L. Lau, A. Richard, A. Reppin, R. Parsons, K. Morehouse, H. Phalen

SEATED: B. Preston, R. Munson, J. Olsen, P. Morehouse, G. Novak, C. Roehm, S. Radtke, J. Reid

BACK ROW: Mr. Rollins, B. Phalen, K. Stremlau, B. Schmidt, B. Stremlau, D. Taylor, E. Zinke

THIRD ROW: J. Sonntag, P. Smith, J. Schmidt, D. Simpson, S. Yost, M. Salomone, J. Shannon

SECOND ROW: B. Small, M. Spanier, L. Truckenbrod, B. Wilhelm, D. Schlesinger, A. Widmer

SEATED: N. Wolfe, M. Wolfe, S. Schmitt, S. Windham, C. Truckenbrod, T. Ward, M. Zolper



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

H. Phalen, Pres.; R. Elsesser, Sec.-Treas.; R. Childers, Vice-Pres.



# Five bells brings our **FACULTY**



EARNEST SCHLICK



ROSS HARRINGTON

ALICE POTTINGER

**G**UIDING STARS of MHS the past year, as always, were the faculty. Mendota's music department continued to grow and expand during the past year. Mr. Harrington, grade school music teacher and chorus director of MHS, substituted as band director after Mr. Pierce's resignation and until the arrival of Mr. Schlick after Christmas. Mr. Schlick assumed the duties of directing the band, teaching third-hour chorus, and preparing the band for contest work.

✓ ✓ MISS POPE, school nurse, was always ready and willing to help any of the students who just couldn't stand the wear and tear of the vigorous school life. Under her guidance the junior and senior girls learned the fundamentals of hygiene. Mrs. Brent could be found almost any night after school working with the GAA. During the afternoon she was kept busy at high school with girls' physical education classes. Examples of the excellent work done in Mr. Wedemeyer's art classes were frequently exhibited in the library. They showed clearly that his students not only understood the principles of art, but had developed a high degree of skill in applying them.

MARYLAND POPE

VICTOR WEDEMEYER

MARY BRENT

EULALIA BREESE







Eulalia Breese





# *Confidence in self gained*





# *through social and language arts*



NANCY BROWN



LEONARD POURCHOT



RUTH DOENIER

✓ ✓ LARGEST of the departments in school is the English, foreign language, and speech. Speech and grammar are necessary to everyone, no matter which field of life he enters after graduation. The pictures showing an English I class (Miss Pottinger), an English III class (Miss Payne), and a Latin I class (Miss Breese) are typical. As her picture shows, Miss Pottinger kept her classroom cheerful and fragrant with flowers. Besides teaching English I, she taught practical mathematics and commercial arithmetic. She will, perhaps, be best remembered by the freshmen as she acted as one of their advisors. Miss Breese taught English I and III, Latin I and II, and was an advisor for the senior class and the Atodnem—enough said.

Because of the importance of speech and English, courses in these subjects are offered all four years. They help the students to overcome the faults in their speech and grammar. A good example of a speech class in session is the dramatics class (Mr. Pourchot), pictured at left.

Sophomore English was taught by Mr. Pourchot and Mrs. Doenier. Part of the year's work was set aside for teaching the fundamentals of speech. Mr. Pourchot taught dramatics and speech. He also was the debate coach and directed all school plays. Mrs. Doenier had classes in journalism and advanced speech. She was head librarian and the indispensable advisor of the school paper, the Hi-Light. Both guided the sophomores in the problems which confronted that class, by acting as their advisors. With their help, the sophomores chose their class ring.

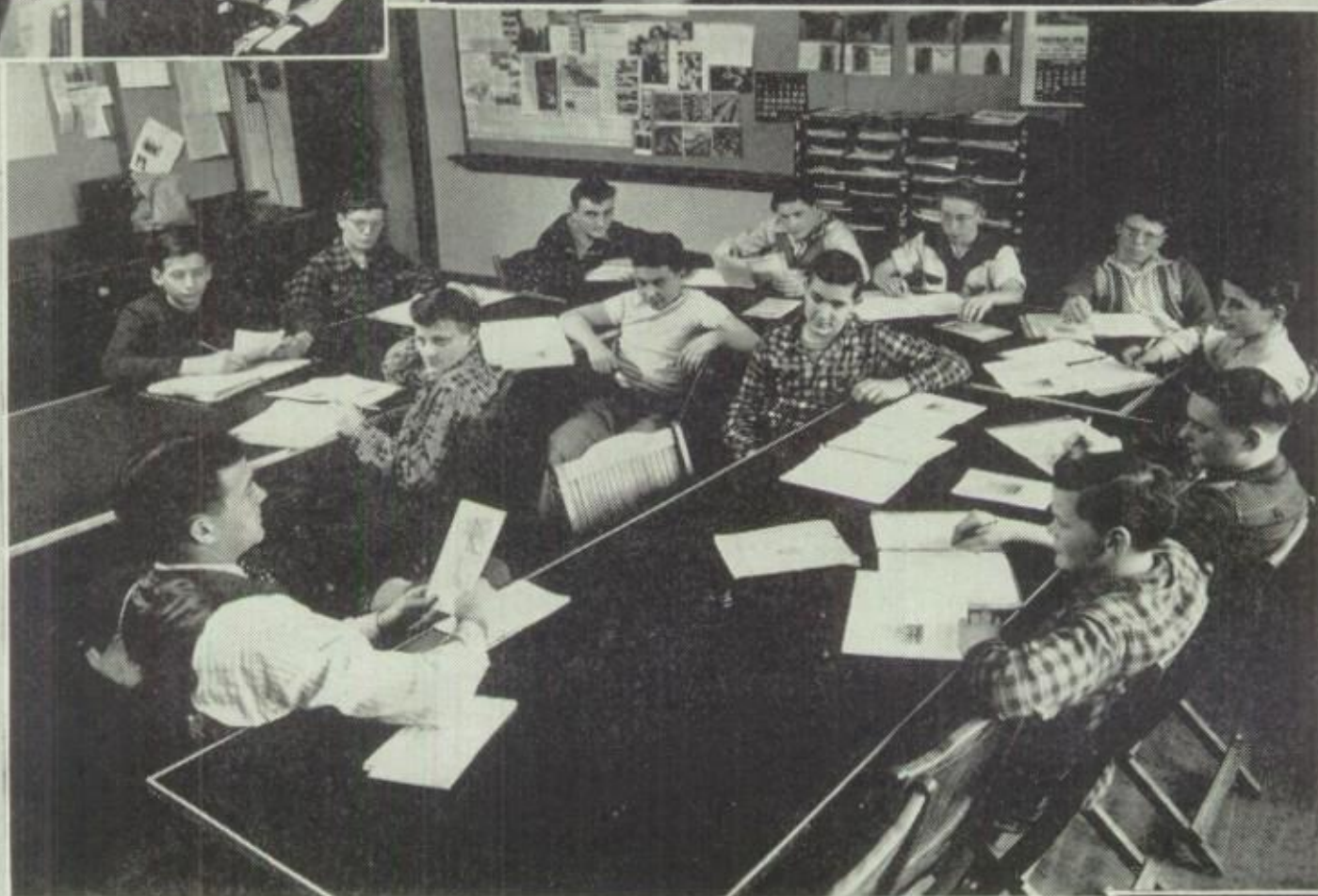
✓ ✓ STUDIES in social science went hand in hand with the English, foreign language, and speech department. The social sciences gave students a better understanding of the problems in the world in which they live. At left are pictured an economics class (Mr. Mauntel) and a social science class (Miss Nancy Brown).

Miss Nancy Brown, besides social science, taught English I. She shared the seniors with Mr. Mauntel by teaching United States history. She was initiated into school life, so to speak, when she advised the freshmen in decorating the gymnasium for the all-school party. In case you haven't guessed, she was a freshman advisor.

✓ ✓ COMMERCIAL subjects gave the future secretaries a background for their work. They learned shorthand, typing, and the art of bookkeeping in this field. The office practice class (Miss Mabel Brown and Miss Swanson) is a good example.

Miss Mabel Brown and Miss Swanson were the typing instructors. Near the end of the school year, the typing room was usually open every night after school, and fairly crowded with students trying to get their thirty-five words. Miss Brown taught shorthand, handled the money affairs of MHS as school treasurer, and was a sophomore class advisor. Miss Swanson's class duties revolved around office practice, bookkeeping, and business training. She was a senior and Atodnem advisor. Much of her time was spent in "making the ends meet" in the senior class treasury.







*We learn  
by doing . . .*



JOSEPH ROLLINS



GILBERT GEHLER

✓ ✓ WORK in the fields of home economics and agriculture was opened for many students of MHS. A home economics class (Mrs. Elsesser) is shown in the newly decorated kitchen making practical application of the things they have learned, while an ag class (Mr. Morris) is shown receiving first-hand information from the man who knows.

After several years as a housewife, Mrs. Elsesser returned to her previous position as home economics teacher. Her outside activities included being both a junior and the FHA advisor. The delicious cafeteria meals were the result of her planning. Mr. Morris spent much of his time advising the FFA. Under his direction many projects, both recreational and educational, were undertaken. Along with teaching agriculture, he was a freshman advisor.

✓ ✓ MANUAL ARTS give boys a chance to develop their talents in the line of skilled trades. A new course in building trades was introduced this year to give the junior and senior boys a chance to learn carpentry on the job.

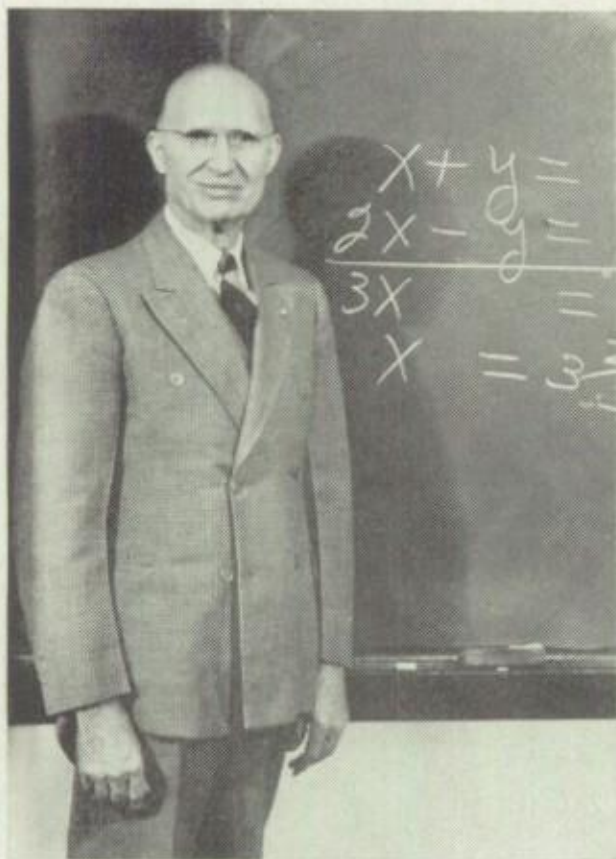
Mr. Rollins and Mr. Gehler head this department. Mr. Rollins is in charge of the diversified occupations course. Under his supervision many students received their drivers' license through the drivers' training course. He also acted as a junior advisor with much of his time spent in the preparation of the prom. The task of setting up the scenery for class plays fell upon the manual training classes under the direction of Mr. Gehler. Under his guidance, a winning Trojette basketball team was developed.

VERNA MAE ELSESSER    FRED MORRIS    HIRREL SWANSON



*and practice  
what they preach*





SAMUEL LeMARR

*S. E. LeMarr*

✓ ✓ COURSES in science and mathematics gave the students the ability to think and reason clearly. The wonders of the universe were opened before their eyes and they soon learned there was more to arithmetic than adding one plus one and more to science than cutting up insects. At right are pictured classes in algebra (Mr. LeMarr), biology (Mr. Doenier), and physics (Mr. Norton).

Mr. LeMarr taught algebra I and plane geometry. When the seniors needed advice, it was his job to help straighten them out by acting as their advisor. He could usually be found after school in the gymnasium checking the athletic equipment. Whenever movies were shown to the student body, Mr. Norton could be found behind the projector. He taught chemistry and physics. The technical division of the broadcasting system was under his guidance. He was also a junior class advisor.

Mr. Doenier taught biology and Mr. Lewis taught general science. However, science classes were not the only duties of Coaches Doenier and Lewis. They are well-known in the community as a result of their duties on the football field, basketball floor, and the cinder track. They also were in charge of the boys' physical education classes. To round out their duties at MHS, Mr. Doenier was a sophomore advisor and Mr. Lewis a freshman advisor.

✓ ✓ AFTER a full day of teaching, plus all of their extra-curricular activities, the faculty still found pep and vitality enough left to enter into the swing of school life. For instance, they showed unsuspected dramatic talents when they gave a skit for a pep session the day of the Princeton basketball game. The male members of the faculty also tried their hand at playing basketball. Although losing the annual game with the "Old-timers" and having more aches and pains than points, they agreed it was worth the fun had.

The faculty of MHS has given each and every student guidance and help of some sort during the year. It may have been in extra-curricular activities or in the classroom, but they have always been behind the student body and helped them to be better citizens after they have passed the crossroads.

REEVE NORTON

LLOYD DOENIER

TED LEWIS



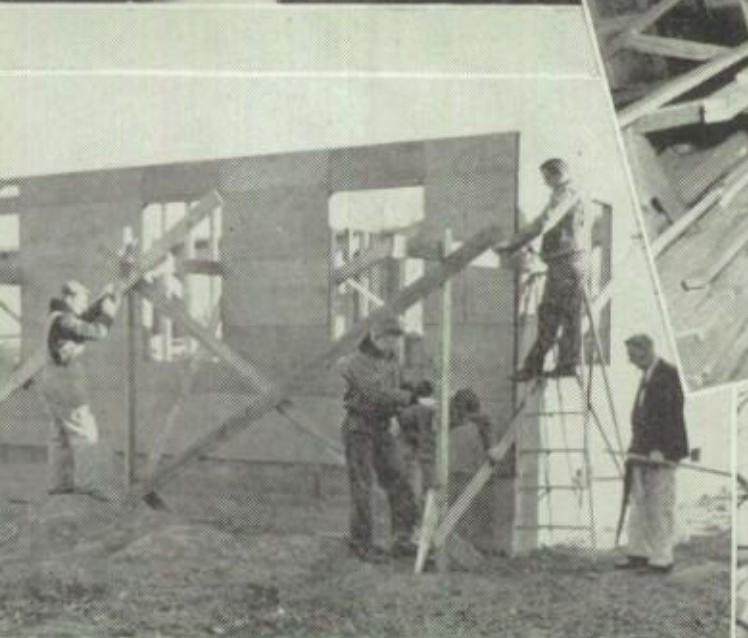
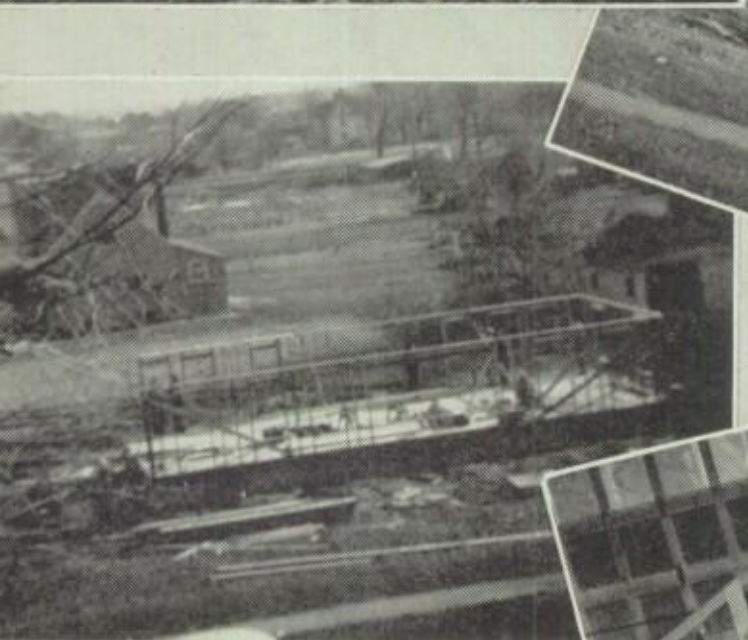
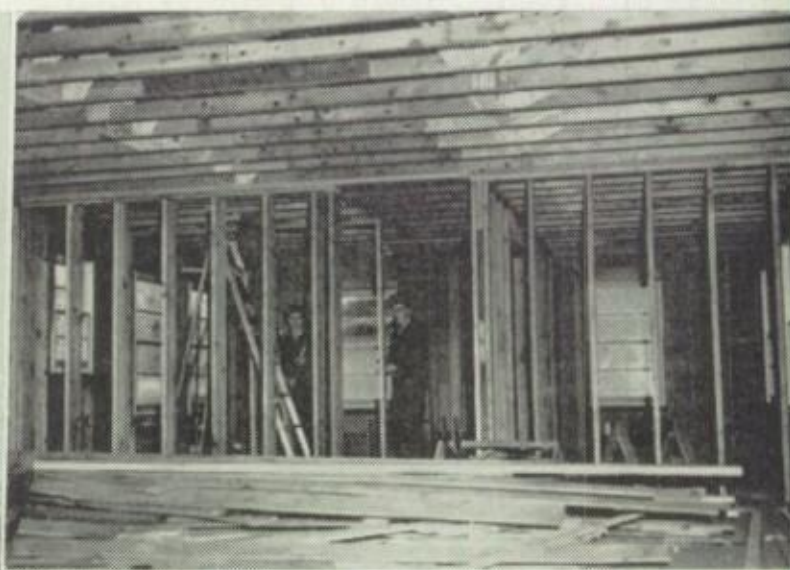


*Sciences and math lead to clearer thinking . . .*





*House project no. 1 — proudly  
we watch it grow step by step*







THIRD ROW: H. Schwemlein, Mendota Appliance; J. Truckenbrod, Reeser's Implement; D. Kuehl, Beitsch's Greenhouse; W. Munson, Carpentry School Project; J. Halbmaier, Schmitz Implement; D. Taylor, Carpentry School Project  
 SECOND ROW: J. Fitzgerald, Bowl-Air & Airport; J. Rod, Stephenitch's Implement; B. Roach, R. C. Service; B. Durand, Purity Ice Cream Company; K. Nowlin, Mendota Food Market; L. McCollum, Barr's Shoe Store; B. McIntyre, Carpentry School Project  
 FIRST ROW: M. Jauch, Widmer's Garage; D. Marcum, Foster's Upholstery; Mr. Rollins, Instructor; L. Wixom, Harris Hospital; D. Worsley, Seig-La Salle Company; D. Gordon, Miller-Jones Shoe Store; H. Phalen, Carpentry School Project  
 NOT PICTURED: L. Gray, Costello's Creamery; D. Fitzsimmons, Conco Engineering Company; P. Smith, Kaiser Bros. Implement; M. Wagner, Harris Hospital

*T*HIS is the third year for the D. O. program at Mendota High School. Since its inception three years ago, industry and business have co-operated to provide training facilities for our high school students.

The student learner is required to have five hours of class work and a minimum of fifteen hours of on-the-job training. In class the students are required to study technical material related to their occupations. Once each week the students study general related information on subjects that will benefit the entire group. Besides this the student carries two other high school subjects. It is impressed upon the student that he should conduct himself properly in the places of business so that he may become a better workman. D. O. not only helps the student, but during his training period he contributes to the welfare of the community.

The students have taken it upon themselves to sponsor a banquet for their employers, co-ordinator and the State Supervisor at the end of each year.

## Diversified Occupations Club and class

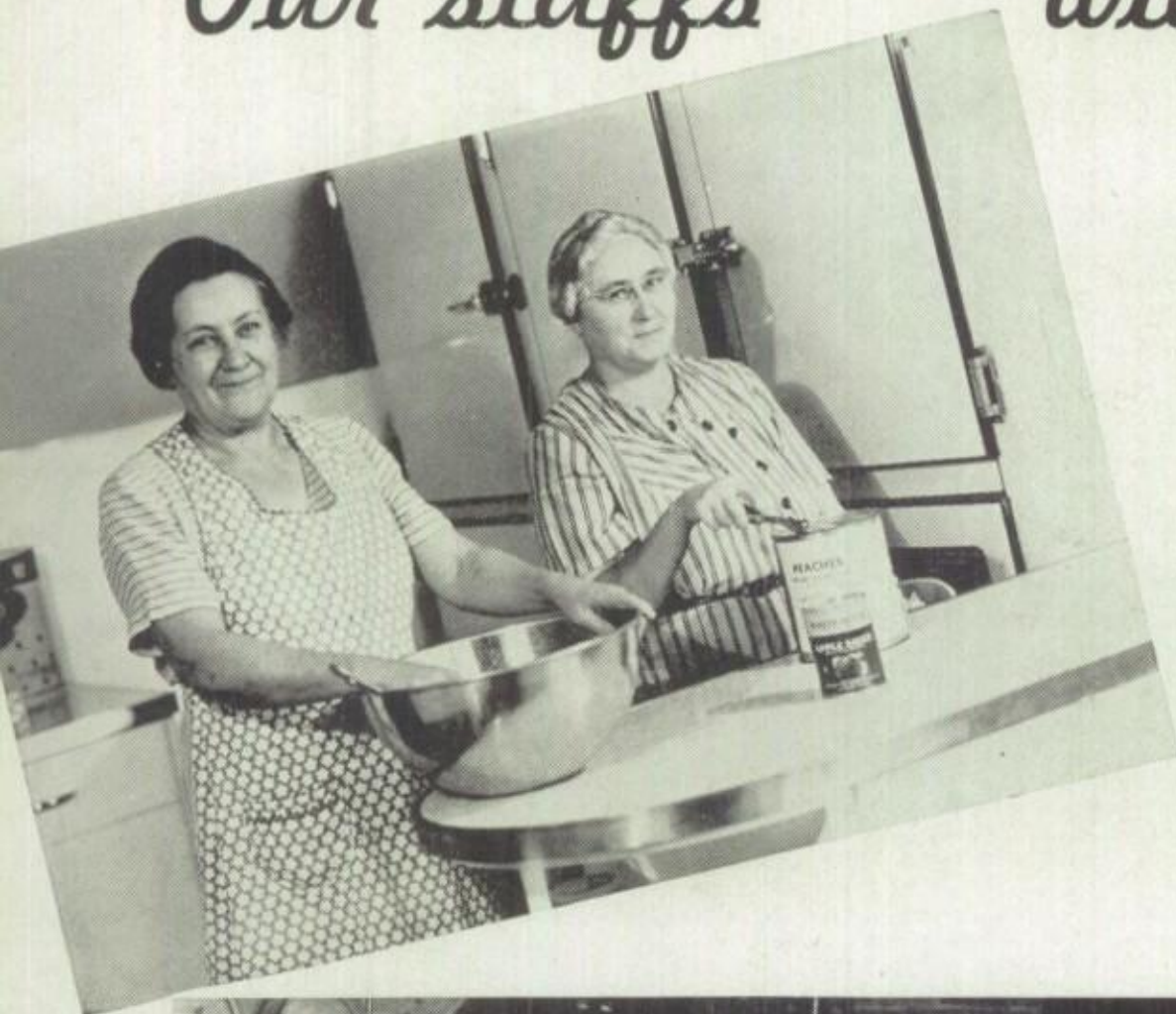
Co-ordinator—Mr. J. S. Rollins  
 President—Duane Marcum  
 Vice-President—Max Jauch  
 Secretary-Treasurer—Marilee Wagner





# Our staffs will remember

## this year



**I**NTO every life some rain must fall . . . . . the coal strike worried the janitors as they saw our fuel supply dwindle . . . . . the cooks fretted trying to please 380 different appetites . . . . . the bus drivers got mired down in the terrible roads from January until April . . . . . the Easter ice storm wrecked the campus leaving a mass of debris and more work for the staff.

But as always, there is some sunshine . . . . . the cooks had the satisfaction of working in a brand new modernized kitchen . . . . . the roads dried up and the buses once more made their routes . . . . . the coal strike ended and the branches got cleaned up . . . . . once more the staff of MHS will have time for a little while of relaxation.

*J. L. John E. Boisdorf*

#### COOKS

L. Kehm, M. Truckenbrod

#### CUSTODIANS

C. Cross, G. Miller, S. Miller

#### BUS DRIVERS

R. Davis, A. Dudgeon, J. Boisdorf,  
M. Skaggs, R. Robeson





DRIVER TRAINING — — — SAFER DRIVING

*Shown with pride*



OPEN HOUSE — — — CLOSER RELATIONS  
BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

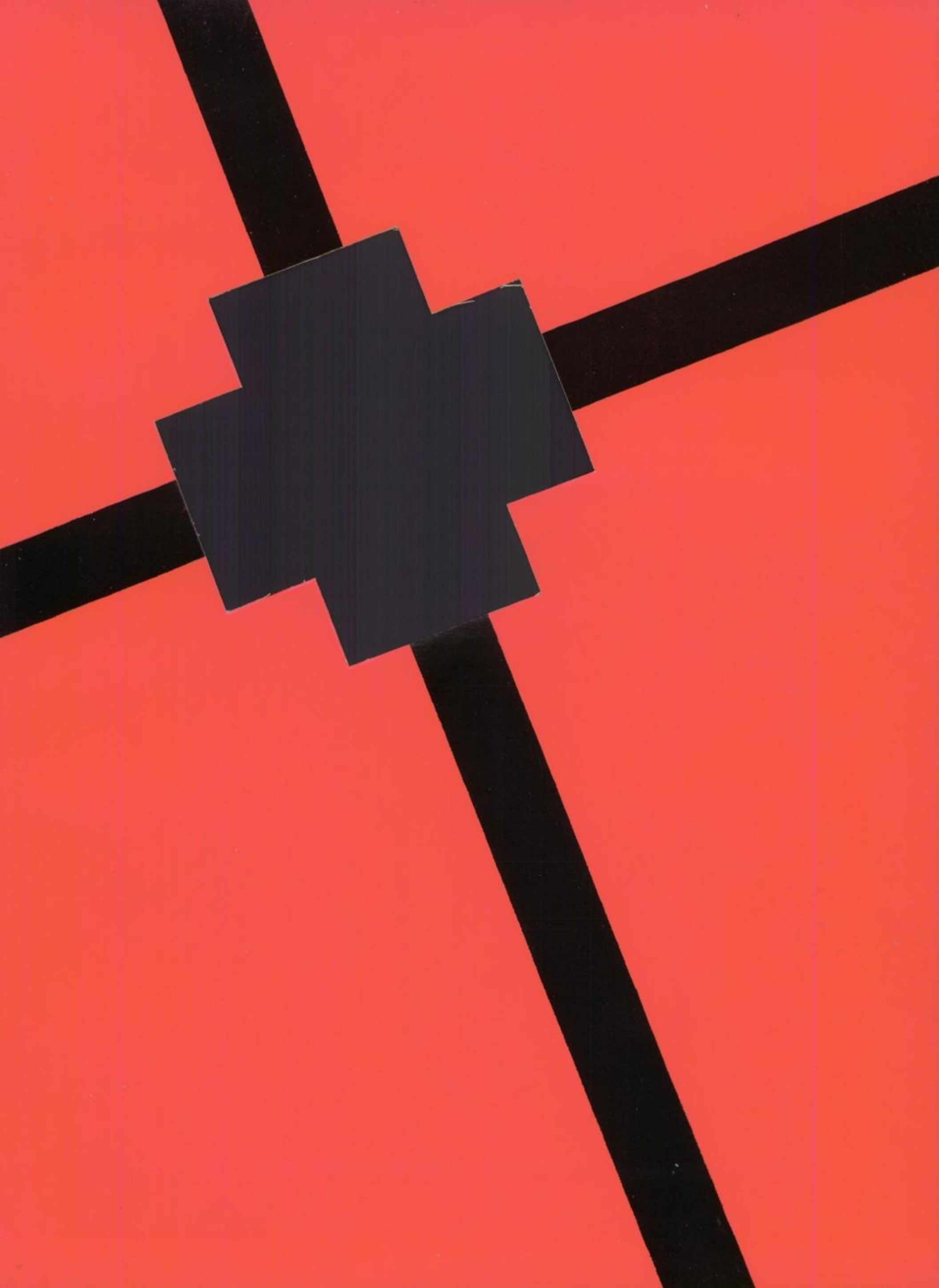


Students at MHS Choose to Learn  
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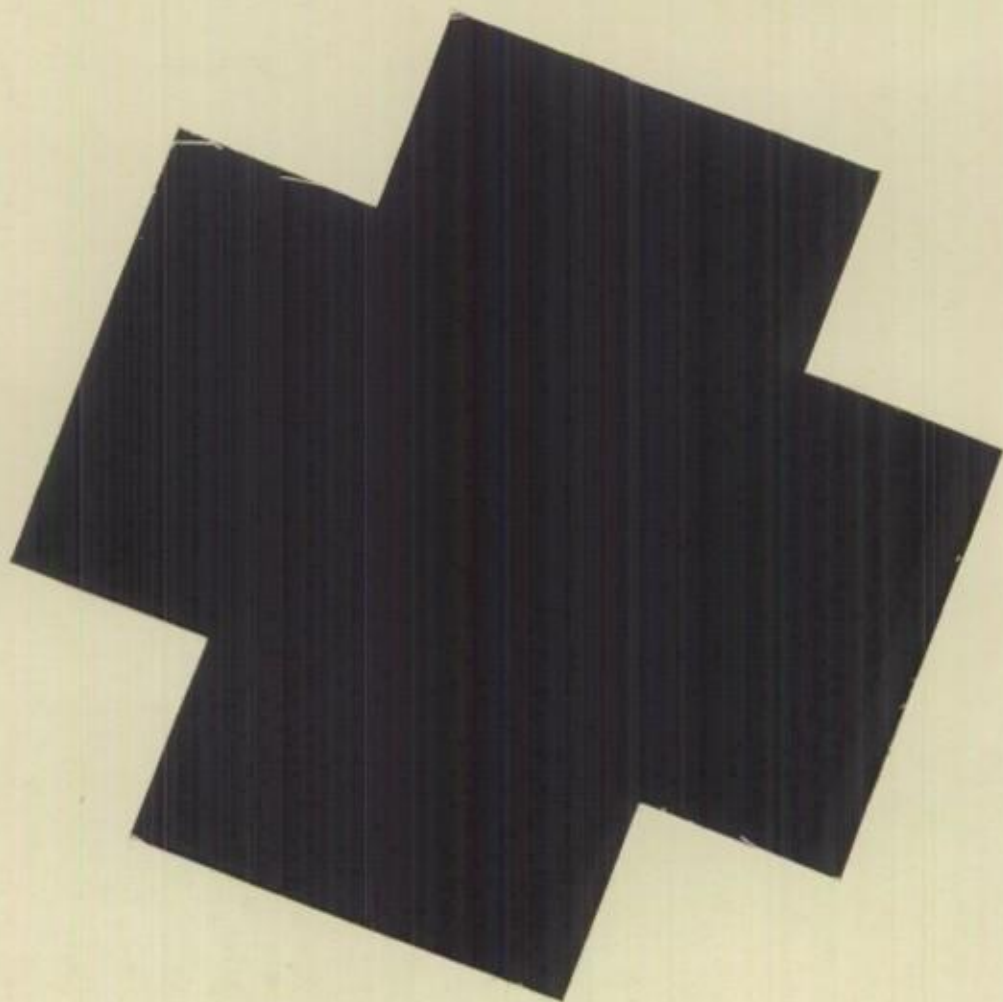
# *LEARN TO CHOOSE*

As the Crossroad Draws Near

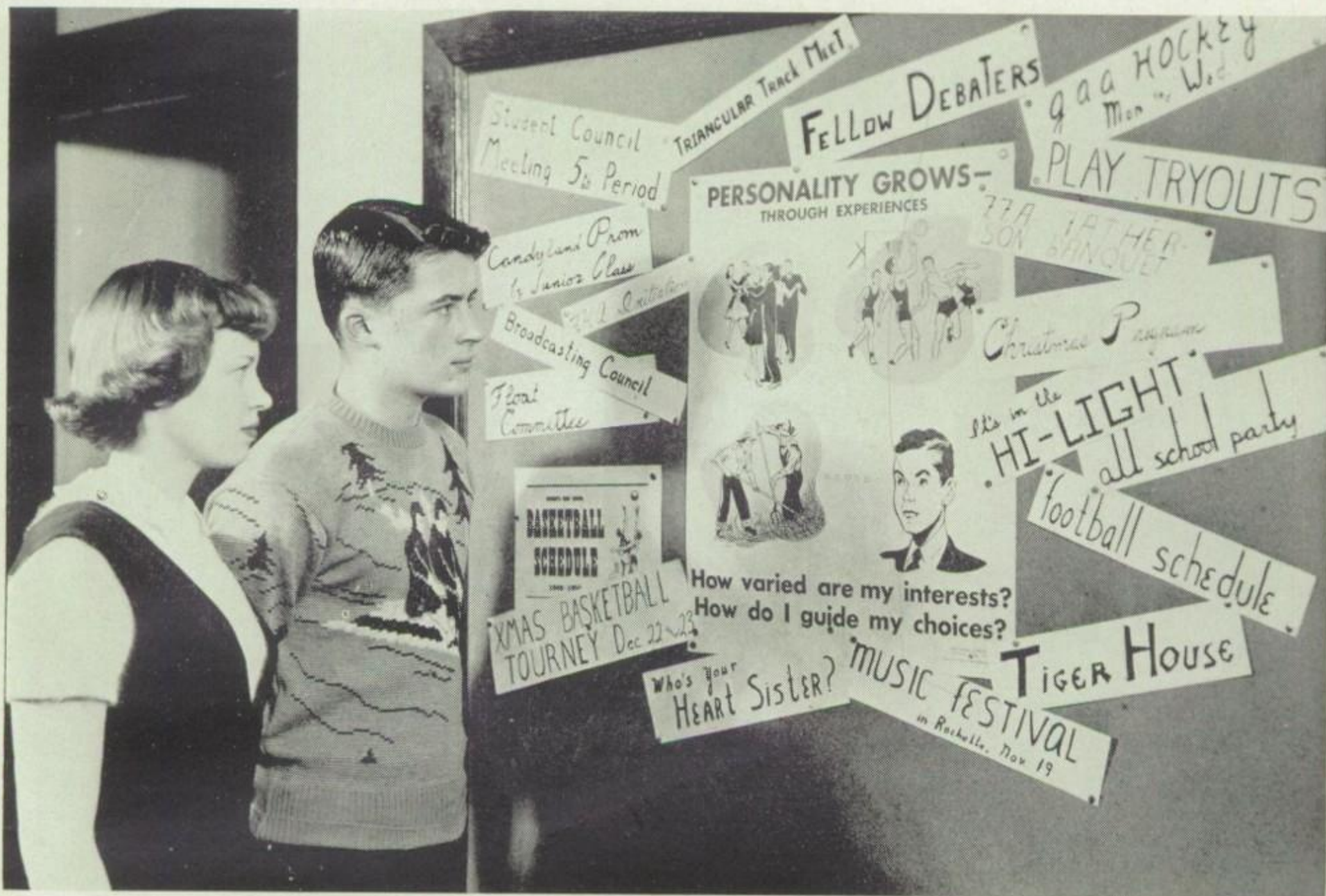








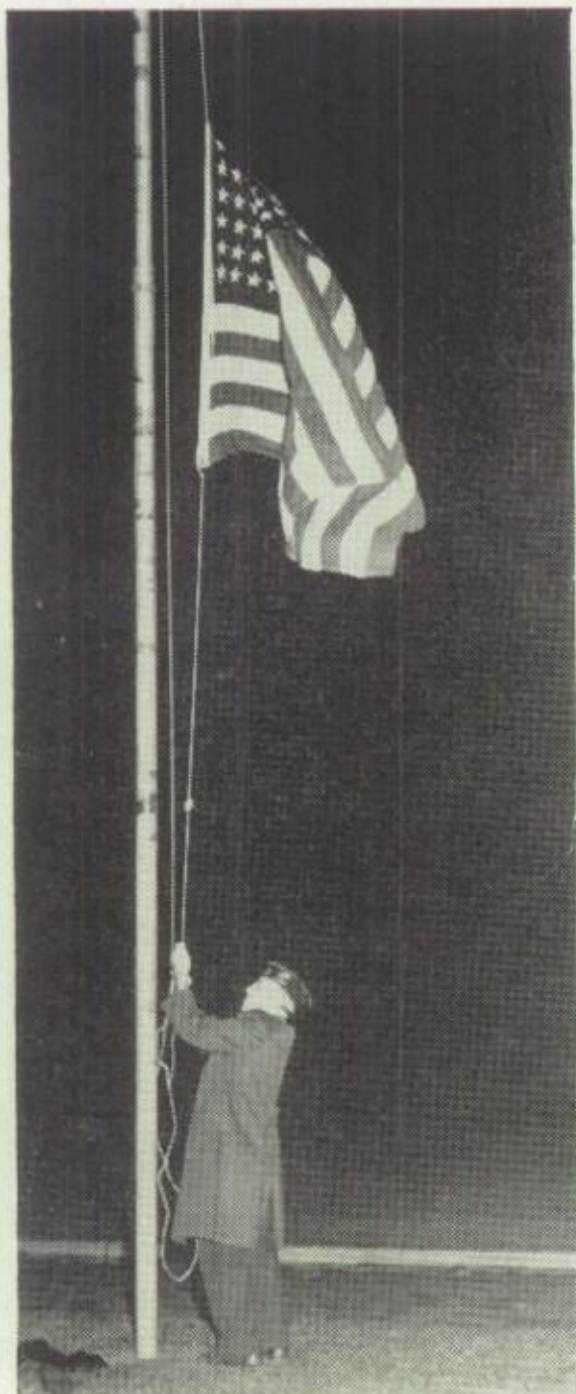




**L**EARNING to choose will open new interests to all of you . . . . . the years spent in high school will offer many chances to do this . . . . . by trial and error (if necessary) you can find which activities and organizations interest you most . . . . . your first clues in selecting these may come from a hobby you already have . . . . . you may get hints from absorbing classes . . . . . through activities you can try many new things . . . . . things which you otherwise might never try . . . . . you can become a well-rounded person by participating in all sorts of organizations . . . . . if you don't like one—try something else . . . . . you have many opportunities to discover your talents and abilities . . . . . this is the time to experiment with choosing . . . . . there are days ahead when you must know how to choose without hesitation . . . . . times when you may not have a second chance . . . . . freedom to make up your own mind is your right . . . . . be able to do it intelligently . . . . . prepare now . . . . . learn to choose.



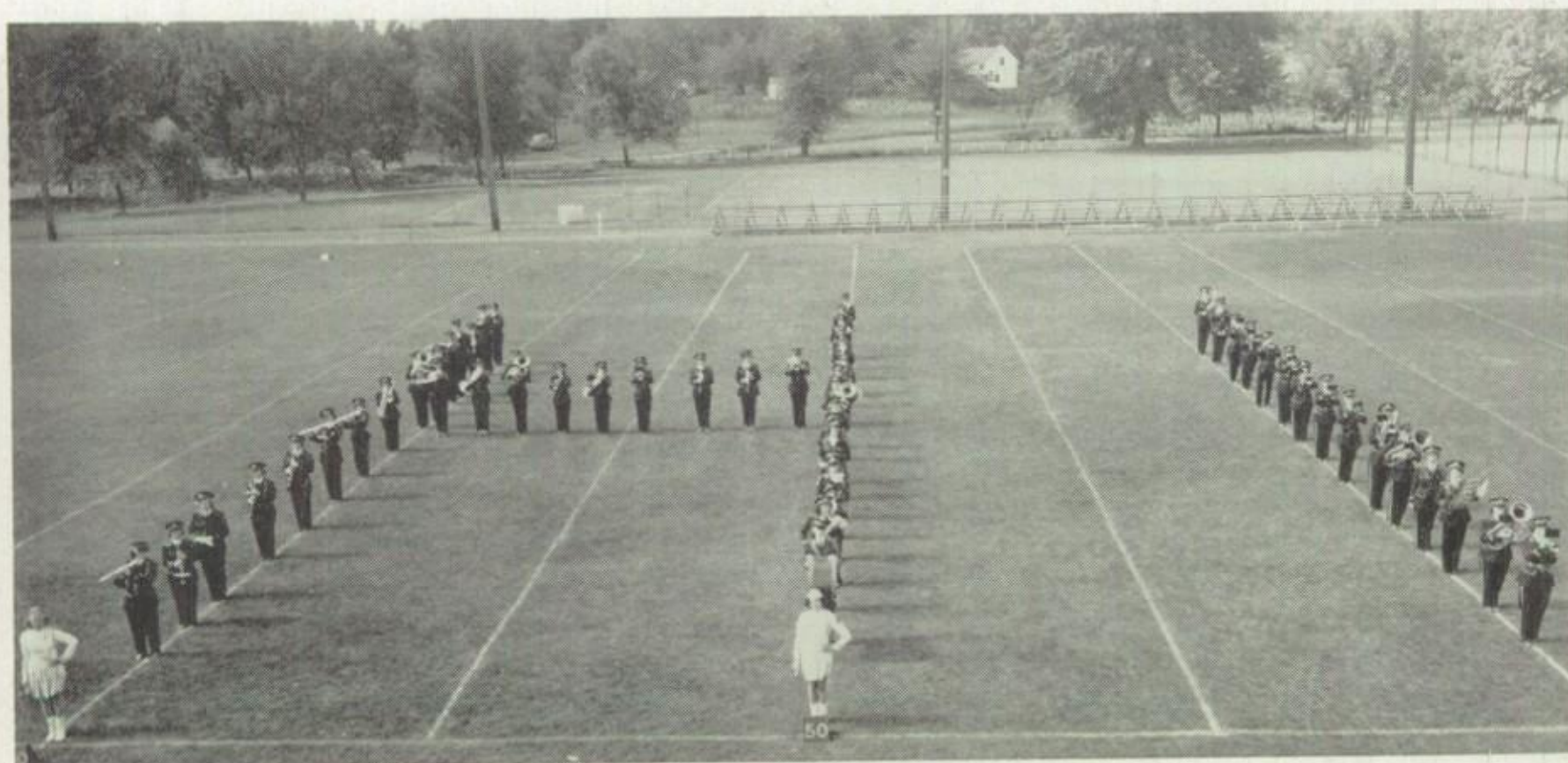
# *Atmosphere of grid*



*E*VEN before the beginning of school in the fall, many of the boys of MHS had already been hit by school spirit. In late August the boys began intensive practice to toughen up, but not without gripes and groans of, "Oh, my achin' back." During the hot days, they exercised and had the summer's accumulation of excess calories sweated out of them, and boys were heard saying, "I lost five pounds out there today." Their girls were abandoned as the boys kept the "be home by 10:00" rule.

Downtown and at home, people asked, "How's the team going to be this year?" They were proudly answered, "It looks good." The Mabs and students found a demand for season tickets, as the community backed the Trojans.

The dog house had its face lifted and awaited the first game all bright and shiny. The bleachers were set up and the score board cleaned up ready for, we hoped, lots of points for the Trojans and few for their opponents. The sound equipment was again installed at the field, and the student announcers began clearing their throats. As the seniors learned the temperamental quirks of the popcorn machine, the popcorn changed from slightly burnt, to puffy, fluffy white.





*season created by*

- ▶ FLAG RAISING
- ▶ PEP BAND
- ▶ SOUND SYSTEM
- ▶ BREWING COFFEE

Finally after weeks of preparation, the first game came. The floodlights were turned on, the people streamed in, cars were parked for blocks around, the smell of brewing coffee began to permeate the crisp, fall air, the band tuned up, and the

teams ran down from the school to exercise on the ends of the field.

Then, the flag raising brought a moment of respectful silence before that long whistle gave way to the cheers, thrills, and excited anticipation that the first kick off brings to another football season.

## BROADCASTING COUNCIL



TOP ROW: Mr. Pourchot, B. Buck, T. Faber, Mr. Norton, M. Ehlers, G. Ehlers, R. DuBois  
 THIRD ROW: B. Rave, D. Morsch, C. Jackson, S. Scherger, M. Bruck, J. Sonntag, N. Blotch, G. Larson, J. King  
 SECOND ROW: Miss Swanson, J. Dunn, C. Truckenbrod, N. Cummings, L. Svendsen, B. Shoemaker, Miss Breese  
 FIRST ROW: S. Yost, C. Hoffman, M. Wolfe, S. Schmitt

*A* GAIN this year the Broadcasting Council took charge of the public address system for games and auditorium programs. The announcing staff, under Mr. Pourchot's direction, was quite large during the football season, but during the basketball season, only the boys reported at games. Mr. Norton's technicians functioned

the entire year, setting up the equipment for games, programs, and dances. The copy committee collected and prepared the advertisements for broadcasting under the guidance of Miss Breese and Miss Swanson. This undertaking has proved to be an asset to the school, students, and community.



WHEN the smoke and haze cleared from the 1949 gridiron battlefields, the Mendota Trojans were tied with Princeton and Geneseo for first place in the Southwest Division of the North Central Conference. Each team won 3 games and lost 1. The Trojans dumped Geneseo, who in turn knocked off Princeton. This left the Trojans undefeated when they encountered the Tigers. A victory would have given the Purple and Gold sole possession of first place, but the Tigers turned the tables on the Trojans, and the championship went to all three schools. Each team received a trophy.

Thirty-seven boys showed up when practice began in late August. Of these, 10 were major lettermen, 5 were minor lettermen, and 12 were lettermen from the 1948 frosh-soph conference champs. Coach Lewis worked hard to find the right combination of players, and after a few games he formulated the following offensive lineup: Ends: Curt Van Etten and Al Wood; Tackles: Bernie and Kenny Stremlau; Guards: Don Worsley and Don Bialas; Center: Dick Fitzsimmons; Backs: Larry Lau, LaVere Gray, Harry and Bill Phalen.

On defense he sent in Bob Mealey at end, Kenny Nowlin at center, and Jim McCormick in the backfield. Benny Durand began the season as regular fullback but

# FOOTBALL

## *varsity shares honors in conference*

was injured early in the season and saw limited action in the last two games.

LaVere Gray and Don Worsley were elected co-captains of the team for the entire season. Larry Lau was the offensive standout of the Trojans as he scored 10 touchdowns and racked up over 800 yards rushing. He was given honorable mention on the All-State team. Bernie Stremlau and Harry Phalen added many a conversion by their exceptional place kicking. The whole line was strong and often paved the way for long runs and touchdowns.

The gridiron season got off to a good start by handing the Amboy Clippers a 13-0 setback on the home field.

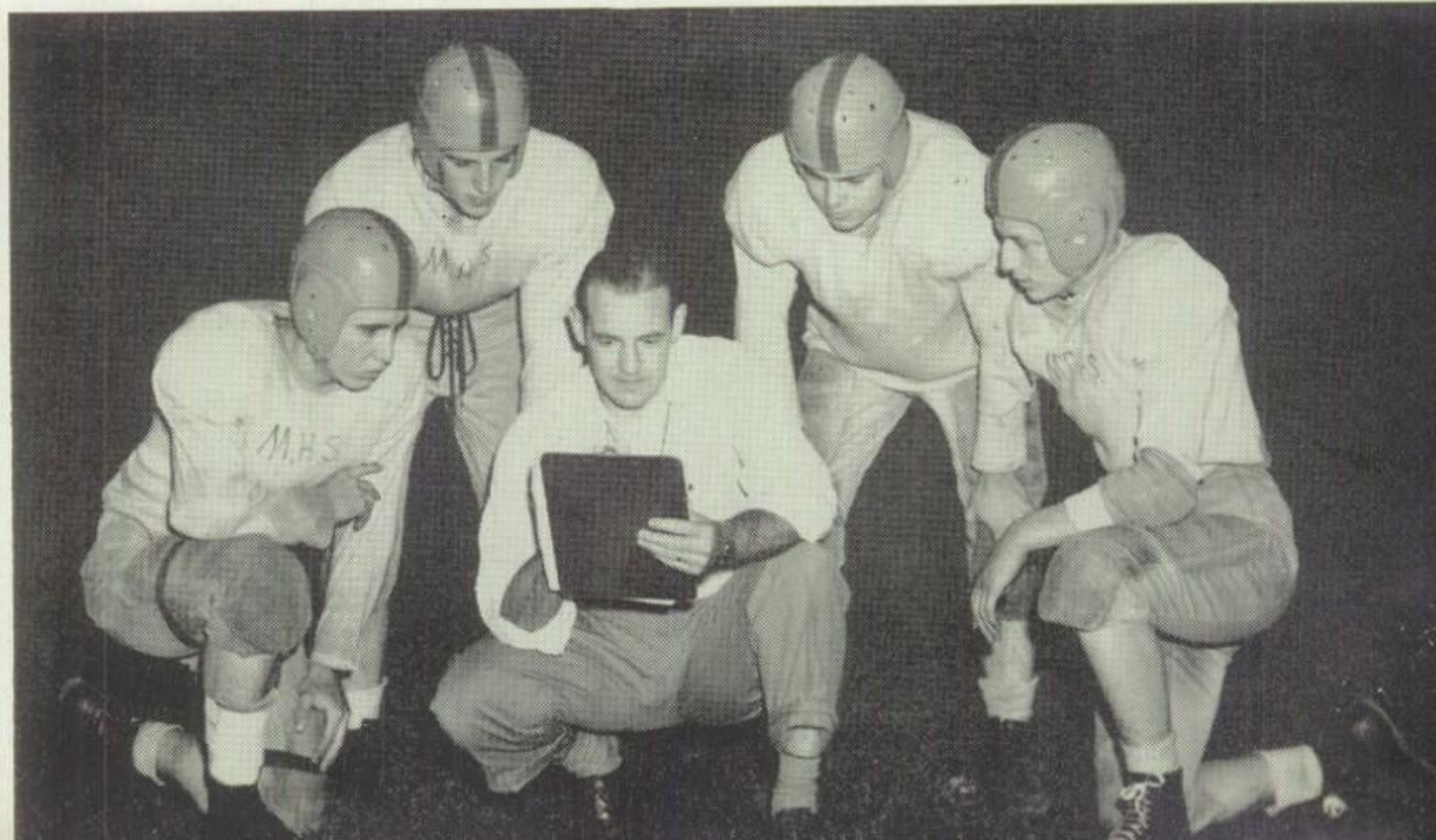
COACH LEWIS

AND

BACKFIELD

PLAN STRATEGY

FOR GAME







BACK ROW: A. Reppin, M. Jackson, J. Dougherty, C. Van Etten, B. Mealey, A. Richard, M. Ehlers, D. Bialas  
 THIRD ROW: Manager D. Mosher, N. Bauer, R. Elsesser, B. Durand, J. Finley, B. McConville, B. Stremlau, W. Munson, K. Stremlau, Coach T. Lewis  
 SECOND ROW: D. Abbott, G. Foote, D. Bauer, E. Joerger, L. Gray, D. McConville, G. Johnson, R. Childers, D. Nelson  
 FIRST ROW: J. McCormick, L. Lau, H. Phalen, G. Glaser, D. Fitzsimmons, R. Harboldt, B. Phalen, A. Wood

The next Friday the Lewis men didn't fare so well when they tackled the powerful Morris Redmen. The Trojans played good ball but couldn't get the ball over the goal, and the Redmen won 19-0.

The Rochelle game was selected as the homecoming game. The Trojans made sure this year's homecoming would be a success when they whipped the Hubs 13-0. The Trojans really turned on the heat as they rolled up 340 yards to the Hub's 40.

Geneseo was the next victim of the Purple and Gold as they fell 19-13. The game was very closely contested, but an immovable line and fast backfield were too much for the Leafs.

The next Friday the Trojans journeyed to Rock Falls and trounced the Rockets 33-7. At the end of three quarters the Rockets led 7-6, but the Trojans went to work and scored four touchdowns in the final period to win 33-7.

Rain and mud hampered both the Trojans and the Dixon Dukes in their clash on the

Dixon gridiron the following week. The Dukes pushed over two TD's to the Trojans' one, handing the Trojans a 13-6 defeat.

Then came Princeton. The game was tightly played with no long runs or much goal pressing. The Trojans led at the half 6-0, but the Tigers came back to score in both the third and fourth quarters to take the game 14-6.

The final game against Sandwich was a real thriller with the Trojans winning 7-6. Mendota scored first and led 7-0 until the final minutes when Sandwich scored their touchdown. The victory gave the Trojans a 5 and 3 won-lost record for the season.

With a large number of junior lettermen returning next year, the prospects for a successful season seem good.

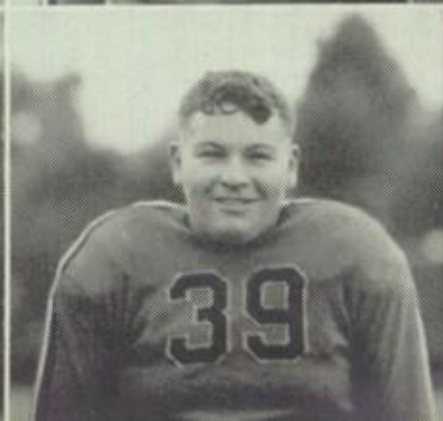
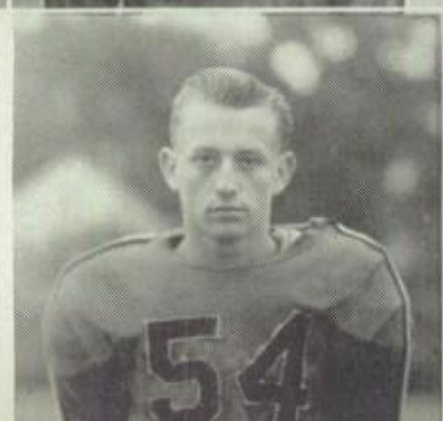
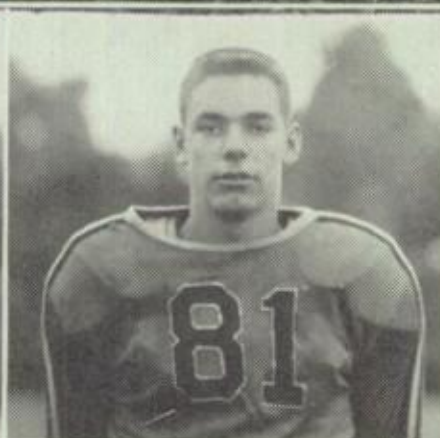
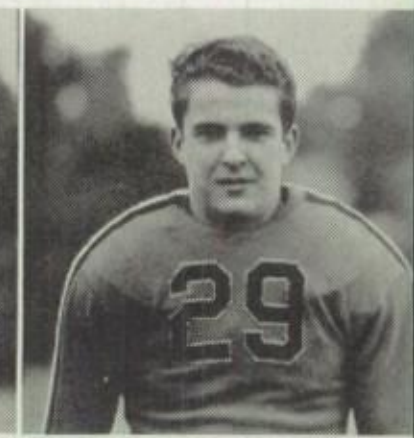
#### VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

We		They	We		They
14	Amboy	0	33	Rock Falls	7
0	Morris	19	6	Dixon	13
13	Rochelle	0	6	Princeton	14
19	Geneseo	13	7	Sandwich	6



# Brains, brawn combine to form

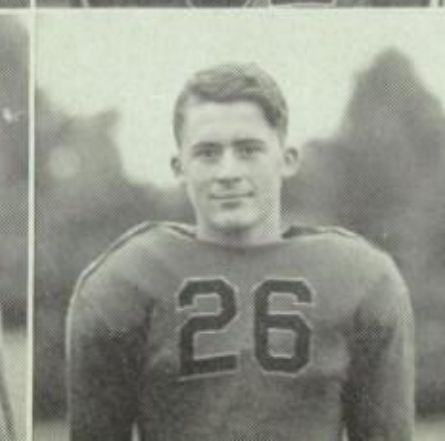
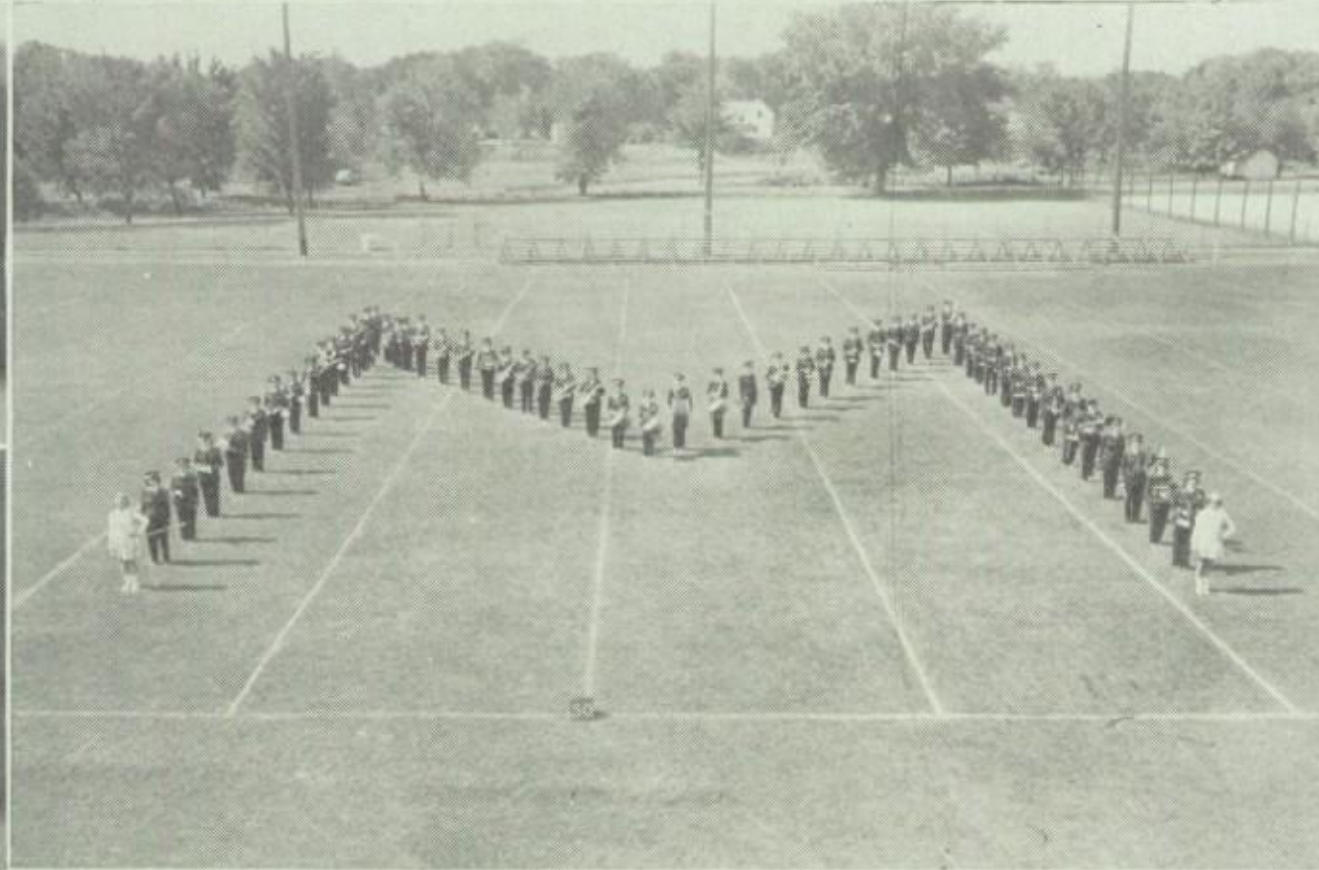
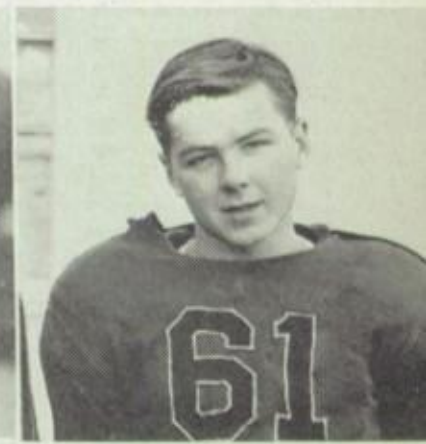
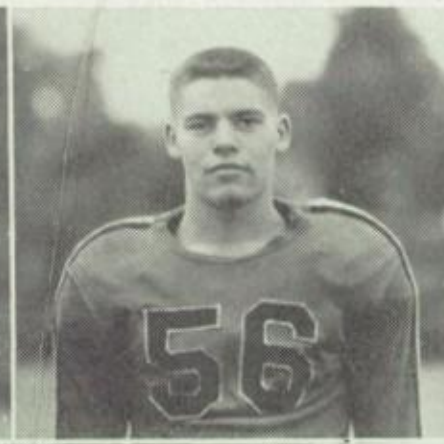
84 Bob McConville	Year	Position	87 Jim Finley	Year	Position	34 Art Reppin	Year	Position
71 Ed Joerger	Senior	Tackle	60 Bill Phalen	Senior	Tackle	78 Bernie Stremlau	Junior	Tackle
53 Don Abbott	Senior	Guard	80 Don Bialas	Junior	Back	54 Larry Lau	Junior	Back
36 Glen Foote	Junior	Back	64 Dean Bauer	Senior	Guard	40 Joe Dougherty	Junior	Tackle
29 Bob Harboldt	Junior	Tackle	74 Wes Munson	Senior	Tackle	39 Norman Bauer	Junior	Center
57 Jim McCormick	Senior	End	81 Kenny Stremlau	Junior	Tackle	62 Harry Phalen	Junior	Back





# *winning team for 1949 Trojans*

69 Bob Mealey	Year Senior	Position End	68 Dean Kuehl	Year Junior	Position Guard	63 Gib Glaser	Year Senior	Position End
75 Dick Fitzsimmons	Senior	Center	85 George Johnson	Junior	Back	33 Alan Richard	Junior	Back
58 Alan Wood	Senior	End	88 Kenny Nowlin	Junior	Tackle	59 Dale McConville	Senior	Center
56 LaVere Gray	Senior	Back	66 Ronnie Childers	Junior	Guard	55 Benny Durand	Junior	Back
61 Don Worsley	Senior	Guard	72 Curt Van Etten	Senior	End	26 Melvin Jackson	Junior	End
37 Duane Nelson	Junior	Guard	82 Marvin Ehlers	Senior	Tackle	32 Richard Elsesser	Junior	Center







## VARSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

	MENDOTA	OPPONENTS
First downs .....	90	54
Yards gained rushing .....	1931	1042
Yards gained passing .....	415	233
Total yards gained .....	2346	1275
Passes attempted .....	82	44
Passes completed .....	35	13
Number of punts .....	22	29
Av. distance of punts .....	33	31.5
Number of penalties .....	58	23
Yards lost on penalties .....	420	185
Ball lost on fumbles .....	15	14

## VARSITY FOOTBALL AWARDS

### MAJOR LETTERS

Ed Joerger	Dick Fitzsimmons
Jim McCormick	Alan Wood
Jim Finley	LaVere Gray
Bill Phalen	Don Worsley
Don Bialas	Kenny Nowlin
Kenny Stremlau	Ronnie Childers
Bernie Stremlau	Curt Van Etten
Larry Lau	Gib Glaser
Harry Phalen	Benny Durand
Bob Mealey	

### MINOR LETTERS

Bob McConville	George Johnson
Don Abbott	Marvin Ehlers
Bob Harboldt	Dale McConville
Dean Bauer	Melvin Jackson
Joe Dougherty	Richard Elsesser
Norman Bauer	Dean Kuehl
Duane Nelson	

*Iron men of the gridiron*





# *MHS is well-represented* *in FESTIVALS* *at Rochelle*



"BY-LINE FOR St. Luke" was the one-act play prepared by the dramatics class for the dramatic festival in Rochelle on December 17, 1949. The Mendota cast, directed by Mr. Pourchot, competed with casts from 4 other schools. From all of these, an all-star and an alternate cast were selected. Jerry Coonen's excellent characterization won him a place on the alternate cast.

Many of the schools in the North Central Conference sent both vocalists and instrumentalists to Rochelle on November 19 for the annual music festival. Mr. Harrington worked hard rehearsing both groups for the trip. Mr. George Howerton directed the festival chorus and Mr. Russell Harvey, the band.

#### CONFERENCE PLAY

STANDING: Mr. Pourchot, D. Morris, J. Coonen, K. Piller, J. King  
SEATED: C. Hoffman, J. Dunn, A. Rohs

#### INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL GROUP

THIRD ROW: D. Preston, S. Yost, J. Sonntag, E. Sollitt, J. Vogelsang, N. Lucas, P. Heining, B. Preston, D. Kofoed, B. Wilhelm  
SECOND ROW: C. Hoffman, C. Pohl, B. Roach, B. Rave, C. Amfahr, J. Finley, Mr. Harrington  
FIRST ROW: J. Waller, J. Truckenbrod, D. Rider, N. Cotton, V. Drees

#### VOCAL FESTIVAL GROUP

THIRD ROW: J. Klein, B. Ough, R. Elsesser, B. McConville, M. Jones, A. Steele  
SECOND ROW: M. Greenwood, E. Jewel, O. Spenader, L. Svendsen, J. Dunn, D. Ohlinger, B. Bialas  
FIRST ROW: M. Spanier, N. Wolfe, Mr. Harrington, C. Roehm, J. Klein







TOP ROW: J. Keefe, R. Childers, M. Fayen, R. Fitzsimmons, C. Rohr, A. Frey, M. Hanson, E. Nance, W. Castle, D. Biers, Coach Doenier  
 SECOND ROW: D. Danekas, J. Gehler, C. Rich, B. Gehler, D. Karl, D. Kuehl, D. Van Etten, K. Nowlin, G. Eich, R. Gibson, B. Dewey  
 FIRST ROW: J. Hochstatter, K. Ryan, J. Longbein, N. Inman, J. Wood, B. Gardner, E. Peasley, K. McLaughlin, D. McConville, H. Johnson, H. Schmidt

## *JAYTEES take frosh-soph*

### *Danekas and Eich captain*

**T**HE MENDOTA Jaytees successfully defended the frosh-soph championship in the Southwest Division of the North Central Conference during the 1949 football season as they again came through conference play undefeated. Coach Doenier led his boys through the complete season with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss.

Coach Doenier began practice with only 4 lettermen. He had an aggressive group of boys and molded them into a championship outfit.

The opening game of the season found Marquette of Ottawa the first victim of the mighty Jaytees. Max Fayen's touchdown on his reverse play was the deciding factor in the game as the Jaytees won 6-0.

Morris was next to be overpowered by the Jaytees as they fell 32-0. Four of the team got into the scoring column.

Rochelle was trounced 19-0 in the homecoming game.

With one conference win already to their credit, the Jaytees then proceeded to whip Geneseo 18-6. This was the first time the Jaytees were scored upon in the season.

Traveling to Rock Falls, the Jaytees took a 19-6 victory from the Rocket underclassmen. This gave the Jaytees a string of 13 straight victories over a span of two years.



Playing in the mud and rain in a cross-conference game at Dixon, the Jaytees fell for the first time in two years, 14-13. Time ran out for the Jaytees. As the game ended the ball was resting on Dixon's one yard line.

Like the Varsity the Jaytees had a tie for first place cinched, but, unlike the Varsity, they beat Princeton 27-0 to be sole leader in the North Central Conference for the second straight year.

Glen Eich and Ralph Gibson proved to be Coach Doenier's most dependable offensive threats, as they crossed the goal six times. Jack Keefe was next with four while Fayen and Rich each had two. There will be five lettermen back next year, and they are setting their goal for the third straight title.

*conference title again*

*team through victorious season*

#### FRESH-SOPH LETTER WINNERS

Ralph Gibson	Bob Sibigtroth
Glen Eich	Don Kuehl
Jack Keefe	Andy Frey
Max Fayen	Ed Peasley
Dale Danekas	Dave Karl
Jim Gehler	Jerry Wood
Bill Gehler	Clarence Rich
Keith Nowlin	

#### FRESH-SOPH RECORD FOR 1949 SEASON

We	They
6	Marquette 0
32	Morris 0
19	Rochelle 0
18	Geneseo 6
19	Rock Falls 6
13	Dixon 14
27	Princeton 0







When the final ballots were counted in the senior class election it was found Martha Jones had been chosen queen; Dick Fitzsimmons, king; Delbert Didier, page; and Betty Rave, queen's attendant. The theme of their float, "Peg of Our Hearts," was carried out in red and white with a huge heart in the background.



The juniors' royal court was composed of Sue Yost, their queen; Harry Phalen, their king; and attendants, Kenny Stremlau and Arlene Crane. The class carried out the theme of "I'm Just Wild About Harry" and "Sweet Sue" in a most decorative manner.

Chosen by their sophomore classmates to share in the glory of homecoming were Orrie Spenader as queen, Max Faye as king, and Ralph Gibson and Celia Hoover as attendants. The royal court rode in a swank convertible gaily decorated in their class colors, yellow and green.





Elected to positions of honor among the freshman class were Bernice Bialas, queen; Eddie Peasley, king; Bill Gehler, page; and Margo Walters, queen's attendant. One could almost hear the notes of "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" float through the air as the court blew large soap bubbles.



## *HOMECOMING courts reign over parade and victory dance*





# *Representing you — your student COUNCIL*



TOP ROW: E. Sollitt, D. Preston, B. Gardner, J. Pohl, B. Boykin, J. Gehler, D. Rider, N. Lucas, J. Sonntag  
SECOND ROW: S. Yost, J. Herbert, C. Roehm, B. Stremmlau, W. Engelbrecht, D. Fitzsimmons, N. Cummings, P. Smith  
SEATED: N. Blotch, C. Pohl, D. McConville, L. Gray, Miss Payne

*L*AST SPRING the first formal initiation of officers and new members of the student council was held. The officers who had been elected were Carol Pohl, president; Dale McConville, vice-president; Nancy Blotch, secretary-treasurer; and LaVere Gray, parliamentarian. Miss Hazel Payne acted as the advisor.

The first big project to get under way for the council was the sponsoring of the annual homecoming. This was the third homecoming for Mendota and the council wanted to make it the best ever. It was decided to have a king as well as a queen, and an attendant for each from every class. October 7 was the day chosen for the annual event. The night before the big game the students gathered on the practice field for a bonfire, pep session, and snake dance. This, together with the colorful badges sold by the council, added greatly to the pep and enthusiasm of the game. On the afternoon of the important day, the parade was held with a variety of floats.



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After the game that evening with Rochelle, the alumni, student body, and the Rochelle students were invited to the dance. The gymnasium was decorated entirely with colorful balloons. A large crowd saw the kings and queens crowned by Coaches Doenier and Lewis. Each year homecoming has increased in student cooperation, alumni participation, and community interest. For the first time, the student council this year made gains financially, due to the increased interest in homecoming.

But homecoming was just one of the many activities which the council undertook. As the holiday season approached, plans got under way to bring the Christmas spirit to MHS. A large tree was decorated and placed in the cafeteria, and Christmas records were played between classes. A party was planned for the last day before Christmas vacation. Mr. Steele surprised the student body with a very appropriate full length movie, "The Miracle of 34th Street." Following the auditorium program there was dancing in the gym; punch and homemade cookies were served by the feminine council members who acted as hostesses at the attractively decorated refreshment tables.

Other services the council performed this year include: providing students to introduce assembly programs; maintaining a checkroom at the basketball games; revising the blue student handbook; sponsoring an all-school party on March 24.

Bernie Stremlau and Sue Yost were selected to be delegates to the state convention in Peoria on April 21 and 22. There they learned of the services and duties of student councils in schools with about our enrollment.

## FORMAL INITIATION AND INSTALLATION





# GAA promotes sports

## for fun and for health

**T**HE Girls' Athletic Association is an organization for girls under the guidance of the physical education instructor, Mrs. Brent. Requirements for membership are: one hundred hours of sport activity; physical exam; payment of dues; one hundred health points.

At the beginning of school, the first activity was hockey. The hockey tournament, a hard fought one, ended with sophomores, juniors, and seniors tied for first place. Familiar cries then were: sticks! . . . . you'll get fifty lashes for that . . . . I wasn't obstructing, she was charging . . . . ouch! she aimed right at me . . . . wing it . . . . we'll have no profanity on this field . . . . the seniors will stand everybody else . . . . oh joy, the football team's coming down to the athletic field . . . . Mrs. Brent's famous last words — Let's all run back to school!

The GAA had the dog house at one of the games. They entered a float in the homecoming parade representing the various sports in which the GAA members participated.

December 21 was the date of the Christmas party. After a scramble supper, Christmas carols were sung and gifts were distributed from the grab bag.

Initiation of new members was held on February 7. During the day, there was an informal initiation, but that evening a formal admission ceremony was held. A candle lighting service signified the transfer of responsibility from old members to the new members. The new members repeated the pledge and received the GAA pin.

Tumbling and basketball were carried on simultaneously. These were the things heard most often then: in tumbling — at

STANDING: Mrs. Brent, W. Brown, N. Cummings, B. Brown, C. Pohl, N. Blotch, J. Dunn  
SITTING: M. Spanier, B. Johnson, S. Yost, G. Larson, J. Sonntag, L. Edwards



### GAA BOARD

Carol Pohl	President
Betty Brown	Vice President
Nancy Cummings	Treasurer
Nancy Blotch	Secretary
Jeannine Dunn	Social Chrm.
Lita Edwards	Hockey Mgr.
Sue Yost	Volleyball Mgr.
Greta Larson	Basketball Mgr.
Janis Sonntag	Individual Sports Mgr.
Beverly Johnson	Baseball Mgr.
Marilyn Spanier	Archery Mgr.
Wilma Brown	Freshman Representative





BACK ROW: P. Roth, E. Herbert, C. Hoffman, J. Vogelsang, M. Brewbaker, B. Brown, J. Pohl, C. Truckenbrod, B. Rave, P. Morehouse  
 FIFTH ROW: N. Cummings, S. Scherger, S. Scott, J. Brown, S. Schmitt, C. Pohl, S. Spenader, D. McLaughlin, P. Mealey, G. Larson  
 FOURTH ROW: P. McLaughlin, M. Harris, M. Walter, B. Spanier, N. Blotch, M. Spanier, B. Johnson, A. Widmer, D. Goubeaux, J. Sonntag  
 THIRD ROW: W. Brown, A. Truckenbrod, S. Radtke, M. Ebbinghaus, C. Jackson, J. Herbert, A. Crane, M. Greenwood  
 SECOND ROW: M. Cork, P. Heininger, J. Dunn, S. Yost, B. Shoemaker, B. Pohl, V. Novak, Mrs. Brent  
 SEATED: S. Hoadley, N. Lucas, D. Martin, M. Bruckner, J. Sonntag, H. Shed, L. Edwards, S. Kilburn

least you should be able to turn a sommersault . . . . . arch your back . . . . . why do I always have to be in the bottom row of a pyramid? . . . . . see if you can do a one-handed handspring . . . . . then in basketball — steps? who took steps? . . . . . there must be a rule to cover this . . . . . quit hogging the ball . . . . . I wasn't very far over

the line . . . . . I had it first . . . . . Mrs. Brent's advice — Don't forget to take your shower.

The constitution was altered this year to require participation in at least 50% of all activities to retain membership. Numerals and awards are given on a point basis for participation in these intramural athletics.



GAA INITIATION IN FORMAL AND INFORMAL MOMENTS





STANDING: B. Ebbinghaus, Mr. Pourchot  
SEATED: B. Gardner, B. Rave, C. Pohl, K. Weiss, D. Olson, J. Vogelsang, H. Shed, H. Oberholz

## *Worthy opponents, we* **DEBATE**

**U**NDER the very capable guidance of Mr. Pourchot, Mendota's debate squad again upheld its fine tradition. The squad, consisting of Carol Pohl, Betty Rave, Doris Olson, Bill Ebbinghaus, Helen Oberholz, Harriett Shed, Bill Gardner, Jane Vogelsang, Kathleen Weiss, Roger DuBois, and Marvin Ehlers, was greatly lacking in experience at the beginning of the season. This year, debate was made a full credit subject and the squad members were given more time in which to do their

research. After doing some actual practice debating, the team improved by leaps and bounds.

The season got off to a good start with a debate at Geneseo on December 3 which was followed on December 7 by a practice debate at Sandwich. The annual Normal invitational tournament was held on December 10. The squad, after taking it easy during Christmas vacation, journeyed to East Rockford on January 7. Three weeks later the high point of the season was reached when the first team traveled to Augustana at Rock Island on January 27 and 28 for the season's biggest debate. After an invitational debate at Elgin on February 4, the squad began preparation for the NCIC contest at Geneseo on February 18. Mendota placed third at this event. The next battle was fought March 4 when Mendota played host to an invitational tournament. A full season of varsity debating was brought to a close on March 11 at the





sectional contest at Pontiac. The junior varsity attended the last tournament of the season at East Aurora.

Debate, to those who know nothing about it, seems to be a very dull and uninteresting way to spend one's Saturdays during the winter months, but those who actually participate in it know that almost anything can happen. When we stop to think about this past debate season, we remember our joys and our disappointments. One thing that will remain in the memories of the debaters is Mr. Pourchot's jokes. Even when they weren't funny they took up time on a long trip. Nor will any one forget his attempts to get started to a tournament in the cool gray dawn despite the icy highways.

It will be a long time before the squad will forget their trip to Augustana and the excellent room and telephone service. Carol Pohl's mispronunciation of a certain word was the winning factor in one round of debate. We came back with a better education, as a result of our bridge lessons. Harriett Shed will remember the Sandwich debate when she unexpectedly added sound effects to her speech by turning on a water faucet. Was she trying to drown out the opposition? All will remember the rather clumsy manipulation of perfectly good quotes by some members of the squad. Were they unschooled or unscrupulous? Furthermore, we'll remember debate for it has been a good year and has given valuable experience.

## *the question of direct election*

**T**HOUGH starting the year with only five members, the National Forensic League increased its membership during the year. Officers elected the previous spring were Carol Pohl, president; Doris Olson, vice-president; and Helen

Oberholz, secretary-treasurer. The organization got off to a good start by taking in both regular and associate members and by the end of the year membership had more than doubled. Awards are presented on the basis of points earned in speech.

STANDING: K. Weiss, B. Gardner, R. DuBois, M. Ehlers, B. Buck, B. Ebbinghaus, B. Rave  
SEATED: J. Vogelsang, H. Oberholz, C. Pohl, D. Olson, H. Shed, Mr. Pourchot

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# *VARSITY BASKETBALL gives from the enthusiastic*



STANDING: D. Mosher, G. Johnson, D. Fitzsimmons, T. Faber, L. Lau, L. Gray, H. Phalen, Coach Doenier  
KNEELING: B. Durand, R. Elsesser, B. Stremlau, C. Van Etten, B. Mealey, J. Keller, K. Stremlau; Absent: A. Wood, R. Childers, D. Abbott

*O*UR 1950 Trojans finished their basketball schedule with a record of 11 wins and 12 losses. A revised schedule of only 20 regular games and 3 tournament games gave the Trojans a tough season. Coach Doenier used 10 different boys in his starting lineups, so didn't have 5 boys that could be called the season's regulars.

The Trojans started out well in conference play but soon lost out and finished with a 2 and 7 record. One conference victory was over Hall, a team that had proved to be a jinx to Mendota for many years. A Christmas tourney was held in Mendota this year, and the Trojans copped third place while Rochelle won first place honors.

Mendota's first conference game was with Sterling, a member of the "Sweet Sixteen" this year. The game proved to be a wide open shooting affair with the Golden Warriors winning 51-41.

The Trojans dumped Geneseo 48-44 in their next conference encounter. Dick Fitzsimmons counted 15 points for the Trojans.

Mendota raised its conference record to 2-1 with a 41-31 triumph over Hall. Bob Mealey led the way with 11 points.

Then came the powerful Ottawa Pirates, who were rated No. 7 in state at the time. The Trojans absorbed a 66-46 loss mostly because they could not penetrate Ottawa's tight zone defense.

The DeKalb game was the first in a 5 game losing streak in conference competition. The Trojans led at halftime, but the final score was 42-34. After losing two non-conference games the Trojans almost beat Rochelle with a revised second half lineup. The rally fell short, however, and Rochelle won 53-47. The next defeat was at Rock Falls where



# *thrills and gets cheers spectators who follow the team*

the Rockets took a 55-44 decision to give the Trojans a 9-9 record for the season. The Dixon game proved to be the most exciting of the year as the Trojans played fine ball but were nosed out, 49-45. Larry Lau and George Johnson led the Trojans with 12 and 11 points respectively.

The final game at Princeton was a real thriller and it looked for awhile as if the Trojans would win. In the third quarter the Trojans were out-scored 16-10 and Princeton never relinquished their lead as they won 45-39. Al Wood was the big gun for the Trojans, scoring 11 points and playing a fine all-around game.

The Regional tournament was at LaSalle and after a very tense battle the Trojans were eliminated, 42-40 by Walnut's Blue Raiders.

In non-conference games, some high spots were the Trojans' three victories over Amboy and their record-breaking 85-40 walloping of South Beloit.

The Trojans copped 42-40 and 47-43 victories from Earlville and a 47-42 contest from Granville. DePue dumped the Purple and Gold 45-41 and 66-43, and Mooseheart beat them 55-38. In the Mooseheart game, Harry Childress poured in 34 points for the Red Ramblers from the "Child City". The Trojans also defeated Sandwich and South Beloit and lost to Rock Falls in the Christmas tournament.

Dick Fitzsimmons was high scorer for the Trojans with 200 points; Curt Van Etten was next with 164. Larry Lau took single game high scoring honors with 19 tallies against South Beloit.

The six lettermen who are graduating this year will leave 4 lettermen around which next year's team will be built. The senior boys are co-captains, LaVere Gray and Curt Van Etten; Dick Fitzsimmons; Bob Mealey; Al Wood; and Tom Faber. The lettermen returning are Larry Lau, Harry Phalen, George Johnson, and Benny Durand. With these four boys back the Trojans should have another fine team.

## VARSDITY CHEERLEADERS



B. Brown, M. Greenwood, S. Gorman, B. Mathesius, M. Brewbaker

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THAT HELP THE TEAM  
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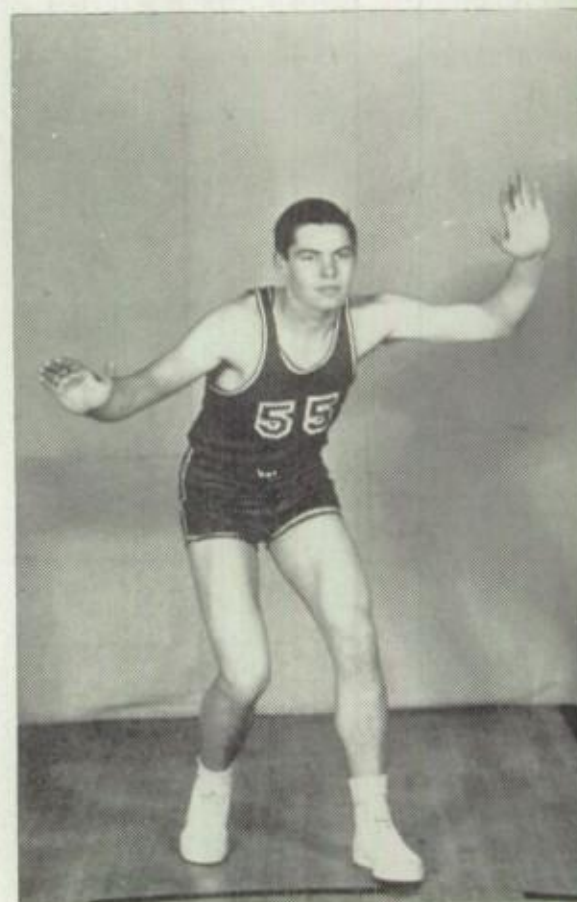


# A closeup of varsity cagers and

## VARSITY INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	FG	FT	FTM	PT%	PF	TP
Fitzsimmons . . .	80	40	28	588%	79	200
Van Etten . . . .	66	32	21	603%	67	164
Lau . . . . .	60	27	38	415%	70	147
Johnson . . . . .	47	40	38	512%	42	134
Phalen . . . . .	42	28	18	608%	50	112
Mealey . . . . .	28	22	27	488%	53	78
Gray . . . . .	19	25	18	581%	45	63
Faber . . . . .	14	12	6	666%	25	40
Durand . . . . .	16	7	15	318%	32	39
Wood . . . . .	10	9	10	473%	25	29
Abbott . . . . .	5	3	4	428%	12	13
Elsesser . . . . .	3	1	0	1000%	0	7
K. Stremlau . . .	3	1	1	500%	3	5
B. Stremlau . . .	0	3	2	600%	3	3
Childers . . . . .	0	2	1	666%	2	2
Keller . . . . .	0	1	1	500%	0	1

FG—Field goals; FT—Free throws made; FTM—Free throws missed; PT%—Percentage of free throws made; PF—Personal fouls; TP—Total points.



**CO-CAPTAIN LAVERIE GRAY**  
guard—major  
senior

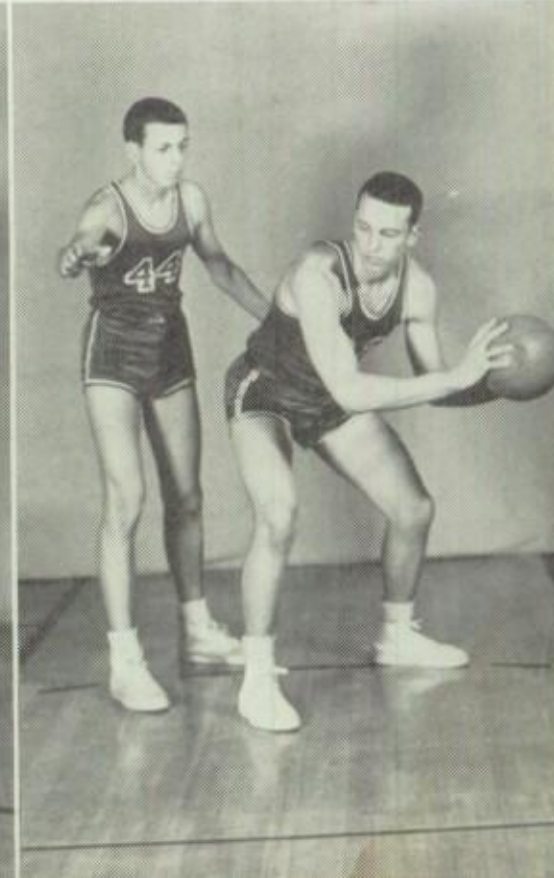
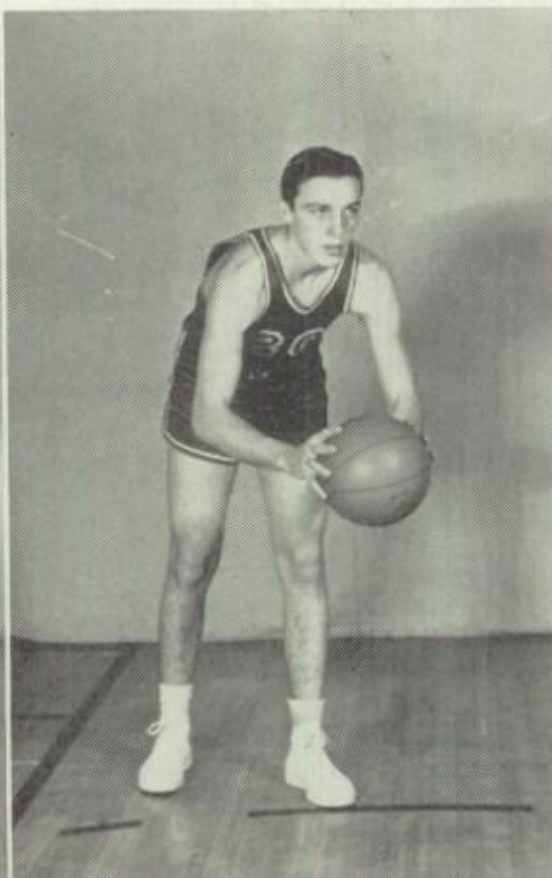
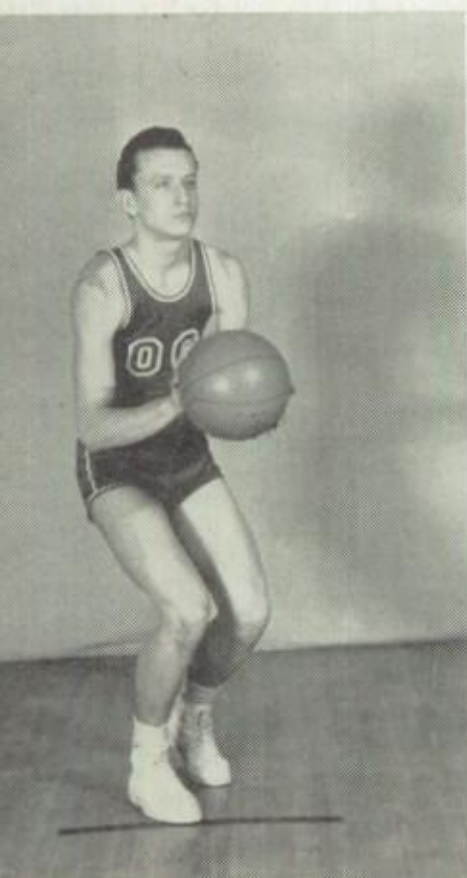
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forward—minor  
senior

**BERNIE STREMLAU**  
center—minor  
junior

**LARRY LAU**  
forward—major  
junior

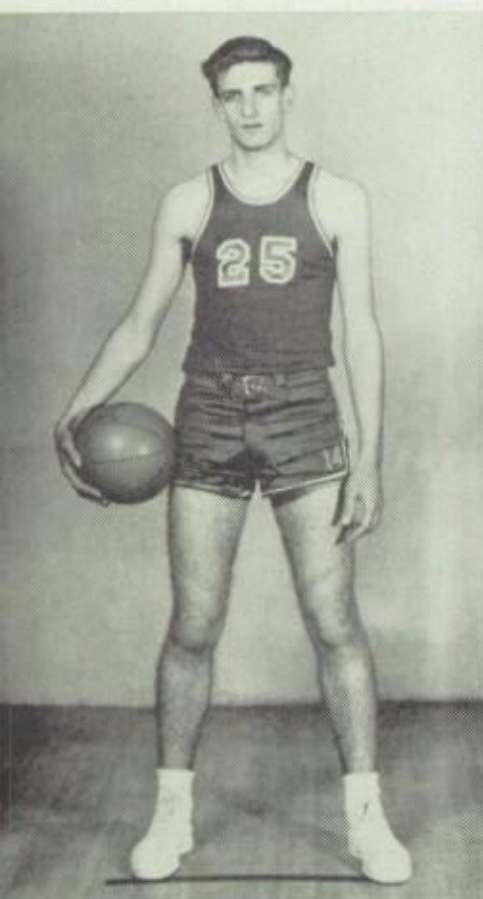
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guard—major  
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**GEORGE JOHNSON**  
forward—major  
junior

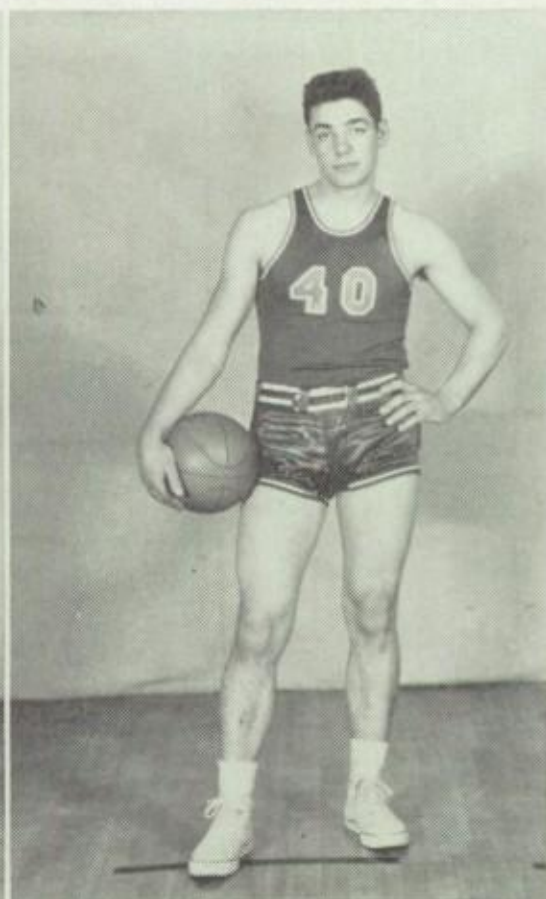




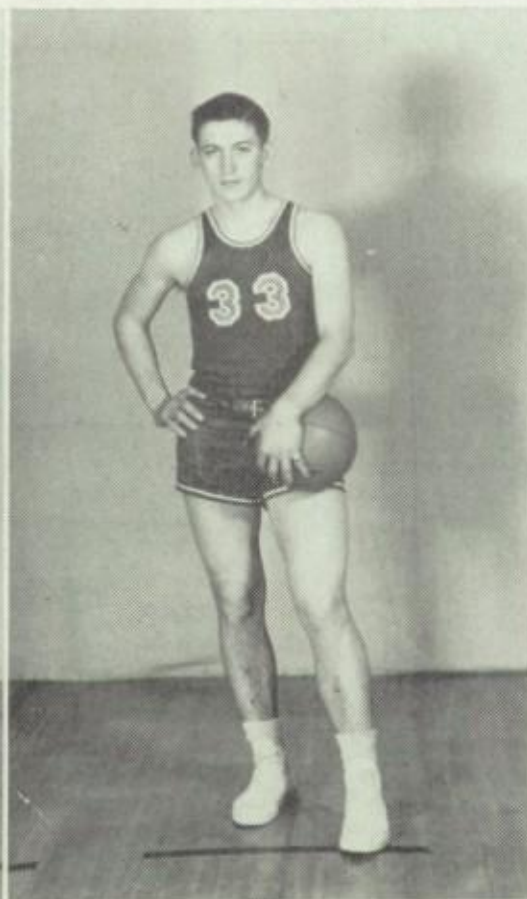
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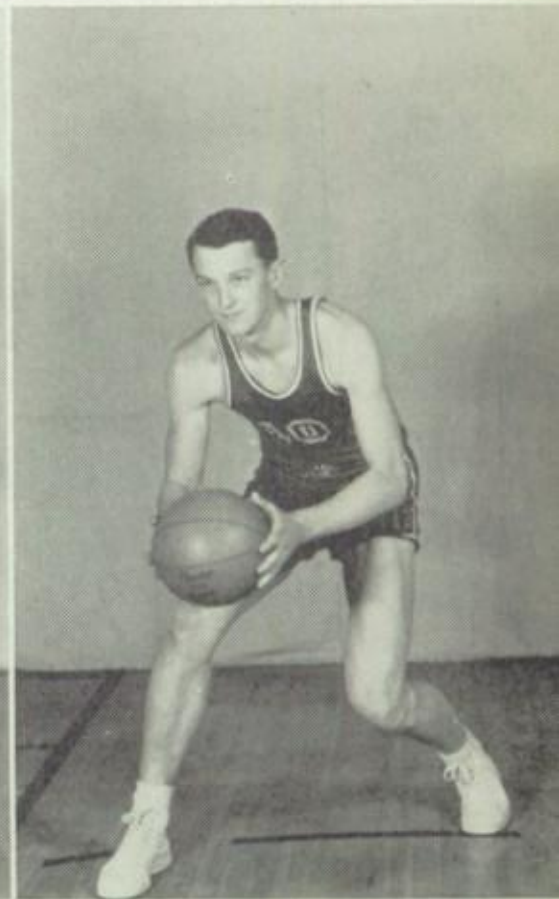
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**KENNY STREMLAU**  
guard—minor  
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**BENNY DURAND**  
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junior

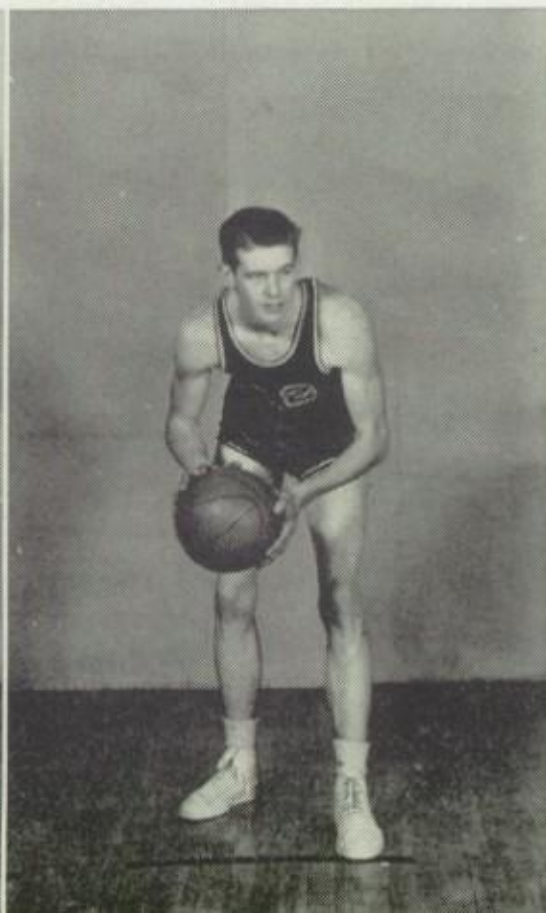


**BOB MEALEY**  
center—major  
senior

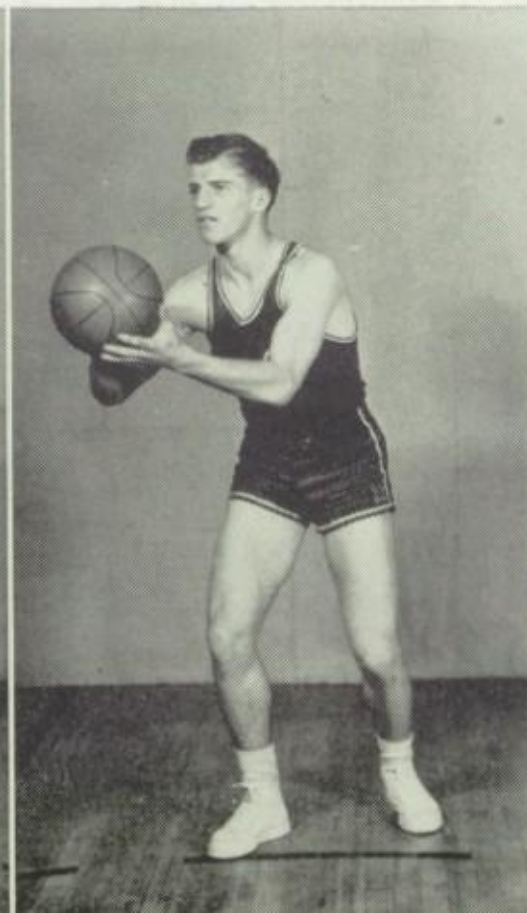
**RICH ELSESSER**  
guard—minor  
junior



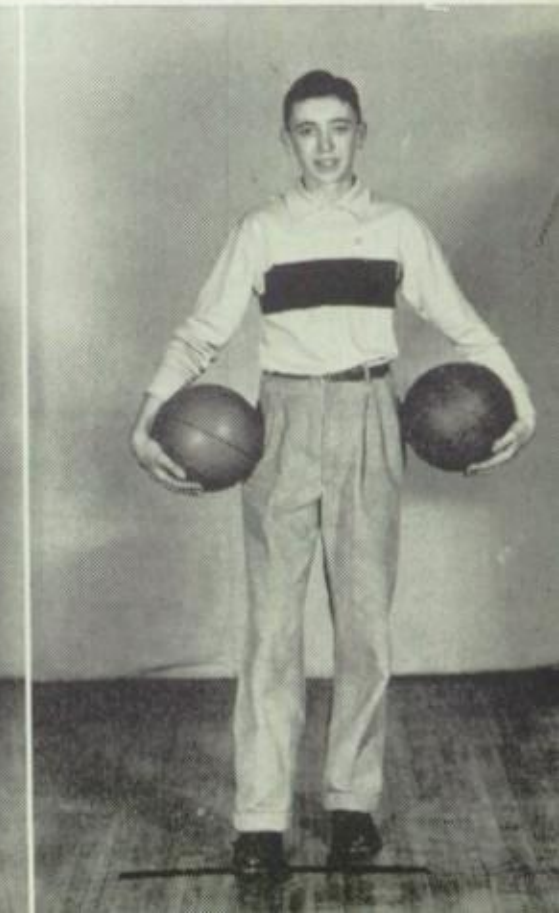
**TOM FABER**  
forward—major  
senior



**DICK FITZSIMMONS**  
guard—major  
senior



**DEAN MOSHER**  
team manager





# *Cooperation gives* **JAY TEES**



STANDING: Coach Lewis, K. Nowlin, H. Johnson, D. Karl, M. Fayen, D. Sterchi, J. Keefe, J. Dougherty, B. Prescott  
KNEELING: E. Peasley, H. Schmidt, J. Gehler, D. Van Etten, L. Dunn, D. Danekas, B. Gehler

**F**IGHT, determination, and confidence, says Coach Lewis, were the three qualities which led to a successful Jay Tee team. This hard working group of boys developed a smooth co-operating unit with emphasis on team play. Although this year's squad did not approach the amazing 17-5 record of last year, they proved themselves a tough ball club as they racked up a 12-8 season's record.

The starting lineup usually consisted of Johnson and Fayen at forwards, Dunn at center, and Sterchi and Peasley at guards. Coach Lewis also had a good supply of reserves at his disposal. They were Bill Gehler, Jack Keefe, Jim Gehler, Keith Nowlin, Dan Van Etten, Jack Dougherty, Dale Danekas, Howard Schmidt, and Bill Prescott.

The Jay Tees started the season off right by winning their first four contests. In the initial game of the season, they eked out a victory in a 14-11

low scoring tilt with South Beloit. They went on to defeat Earlville, 26-18; Sandwich, 24-23; and Amboy, 26-16.

They then met Sterling in their first conference game. The Golden Warriors proved too much for the Jay Tees as they rolled over the Mendota team 24-11. Two more losses followed. The Little Giants of Depue pounded out a 43-26 victory over the Jr. Trojans. Geneseo then gave the Jay Tees their second conference defeat. Score: 25-21.

The Jr. Trojans jumped back to the winning column by hammering a 22-15 score over Granville. Hall fell to the Jay Tees, 26-23, for their first conference victory.

The underclassmen ventured to Ottawa next, where the Pirates handed them their third conference loss, 44-30. The high light of an exciting season was the DeKalb game. The Barbs were undefeated when they met Mendota. The scrappy Jay



# many wins

Tees, however, plunged into this much larger team and came through with a 34-30 victory.

After this rousing victory the Jay Tees journeyed to Mooseheart where they were manhandled 50 to 29. Depue again keelhailed the frosh soph team by a 41-24 score. Rochelle gave Mendota their fourth conference loss by a 23-17 margin.

The Jay Tees recovered from this series of losses and went on to win four straight. The first was a 38-33 conference win over the Rock Falls Rockets. Next they romped over Earlville, 37-19. The Jr. Trojans then swept over Amboy, 42-31. The Jay Tees scored their twelfth win of the season by polishing off Dixon in a conference tilt, 26-19. In their final game of the season, the Jay Tees were put on the run by the Princeton Tigers and were defeated 37-23.

Although winning only 4 out of 9 conference contests, the Jay Tees showed the spirit and willingness to win that is needed in the game of basketball. There is much good material in this team for the years to come.



## Jay Tees pass

### in review

Harry Johnson was the hotshot of the Jay Tees. He proved himself deadly on set shots, as other teams soon discovered.

Leonard Dunn, spirited center, had a tricky way about him that fooled other teams. He made many a basket with his jump shot.

Doug Sterchi proved himself deadly on free throw tosses. He was a good defensive man also.

Max Fayen, forward, made many points with his set shots. He was a hard man to get the ball by on defense.

Ed Peasley and Bill Gehler "brought the ball down" for the Jay Tees. Both were sharpshooters.

Jack Keefe was an aggressive ballplayer. He could take the ball away from opponents when it was needed.

Jim Gehler, Keith Nowlin, and Dan Van Etten saw much action and gained valuable experience. Dale Danekas, Jack Dougherty, Howard Schmidt, and Bill Prescott got in many quarters and proved themselves aggressive boys.



**FROSH-SOPH**

**CHEERLEADERS**

**URGE**

**THE JAY TEES**

**TO**

**"F-I-G-H-T"**



# Statistics show successful season

## FROSH-SOPH INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Name	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TTL
Johnson .....	35	31	32	45	101
Dunn .....	28	25	20	33	81
Sterchi .....	18	25	15	39	61
Fayen .....	20	20	19	26	60
Peasley .....	20	14	21	28	54
Keefe .....	17	12	19	50	46
B. Gehler .....	16	12	21	28	44
J. Gehler .....	3	13	17	19	19
Nowlin .....	6	2	11	11	14
Van Etten .....	4	5	9	14	15
Danekas .....	4	4	6	6	8
Dougherty .....	2	3	3	11	7
Schmidt .....	0	2	2	1	2
Prescott .....	0	0	0	1	0

FG—Field goals; FT—Free throws missed; FTM—Free throws made; PF—Personal fouls; TTL—Total points.

## FROSH-SOPH MINOR LETTER AWARDS

Max Fayen	Harry Johnson
Leonard Dunn	Doug Sterchi
Bill Gehler	Dan Van Etten
Jack Keefe	Ed Peasley

## FROSH-SOPH SEASON RECORD

	WE	THEY
South Beloit .....	14	11
Earlville .....	26	18
Sandwich .....	24	23
Amboy .....	26	16
Sterling .....	11	24
DePue .....	26	43
Geneseo .....	21	25
Granville .....	22	15
Hall .....	26	23
Ottawa .....	30	44
South Beloit .....	31	21
DeKalb .....	34	30
Mooseheart .....	29	50
DePue .....	24	41
Rochelle .....	17	23
Rock Falls .....	38	33
Earlville .....	37	19
Amboy .....	42	31
Dixon .....	26	19
Princeton .....	23	37

## VARSITY SCHEDULE

	WE	THEY
South Beloit .....	35	25
Earlville .....	43	40
Sandwich .....	54	35
Amboy .....	37	30
Sterling .....	41	51
Rock Falls (Xmas) .....	28	31
Amboy (Xmas) .....	49	40
DePue .....	41	45
Geneseo .....	48	44
Granville .....	47	42
Hall .....	44	34
Ottawa .....	46	66
South Beloit .....	85	40
DeKalb .....	34	42
Mooseheart .....	38	55
DePue .....	43	66
Rochelle .....	47	53
Rock Falls .....	44	55
Earlville .....	47	43
Amboy .....	61	45
Dixon .....	45	49
Princeton .....	39	45
Walnut (Regional) .....	40	42







STANDING: Mr. Gehler, B. Bromenschenkel, J. Wood, E. Politsch, C. Rohr, J. Rave, B. Gardner, G. Schmidt, J. Cummings  
KNEELING: K. Ryan, J. Hochstatter, W. Castle, B. Fitzsimmons, B. Boykin, M. Hanson, R. Garrity, E. Nance

## *TROJETTES get first taste of future sports' glory*

**T**HE THRILL of competing in their first season of high school basketball was experienced by thirteen freshman boys. Being on the Trojette team was not all play. Much work and practice were needed to change the inexperienced group into a smoothly working unit.

After juggling the starting line-up around the first few games, Coach Gilbert Gehler decided on Kenny Ryan, Jerry Hochstatter, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jerry Woods, and Eugene Politsch to lead the team's strategy. Ryan led the scoring attack for the Trojettes with Hochstatter and Politsch close behind.

The Trojettes broke even in the win and loss column, winning five and losing five. The team learned the thrill of being on the long end of the score and the determination to do better next time after coming out on the losing side.

Few of the team will forget the feeling of accomplishment from beating Hall and Paw Paw after losing to them previously in the season. Marquette fell to the Trojettes twice while the team was overpowered by LaSalle-Peru twice during the season. The team was also defeated by Ottawa, but Earlville could not overcome the lead piled up by the Trojettes.

The team is composed solely of freshmen to give more boys an active part in sports. Varsity players must get their beginning somewhere, and the Trojette team is that beginning.

### FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

We		They	We		They
28	Earlville	6	14	Ottawa	32
11	Marquette	10	28	PawPaw	23
23	PawPaw	34	18	Hall	19
16	LaSalle-Peru	44	33	Hall	6
19	LaSalle-Peru	50	17	Marquette	10





BACK ROW: S. Spenader, P. Roth, B. Cudaback, J. Waller, D. Morsch, C. Truckenbrod, V. Drees, M. Jones, J. Klein, N. Wolfe, D. Rider, C. Hoffman, E. Herbert, D. Jordon  
 FIFTH ROW: H. Bunton, J. Sibigroth, D. Bumba, D. McLaughlin, M. Ehlers, M. Spanier, C. Roehm, J. Brown, J. Slotter, K. Jauch, C. Loach, C. Amfahr, J. Gray  
 FOURTH ROW: M. Greenwood, V. Smith, D. Ohlinger, D. Preston, A. Williams, M. Biers, M. Walter, J. Williams, V. Heinzeroth, W. Brown, L. Schlesinger, M. Sheridan, J. Sonntag, D. McConville  
 THIRD ROW: L. Dewey, L. Svendsen, S. Radtke, S. Hoadley, S. Kilburn, C. Jackson, J. Dunn, M. Ebbinghaus, E. Wood, V. Novak, S. Yost, B. Geil, B. Preston  
 SECOND ROW: O. Spenader, P. Corcoran, A. McManus, M. Cork, L. Eichorn, B. Bialas, M. Bruckner, D. Martin, N. Lucas, P. Heininger, D. Hoelzer, S. Davis, E. Henry  
 SEATED: J. Lambert, N. Steele, J. Zimmerman, M. Kidd, J. Sonntag, H. Shed, J. Reid, B. Campbell, E. Jewel, Mr. Harrington

# C H O R U S *fills the halls with melody*

**C**HORUS this year had scheduled periods during the school day. Many more people participated in choral work and worked into a large number of solos and ensembles. Mr. Ross Harrington, Mr. William Pierce, and, after Mr. Pierce left, Mr. Earnest Schlick directed the vocal groups. The training started with the fundamentals of good singing and voices were developed through use of exercises.

Girls' chorus and boys' glee club participated in a North Central Illinois Music Festival at Rochelle. Some of the vocal groups appeared on programs for civic and school organizations.

At the district music contest solos were sung by Beverly Preston, who received first, Joyce Waller, Joan Klein, Carol Roehm, James Finley, who all received second and Robert McConville who received third. The girls sextet and the boys quartet received second division ratings.



# 1949 TRACK

*season renews*

*interest*

*in*

*school records*

## VARSITY TRACK RECORDS

EVENT	NAME	RECORD	YEAR
100 yd dash	L. Reeder	10.2	1938
	D. Westerman	10.2	1948
	A. Richard	10.2	1949
220 yd dash	J. Buck	23.0	1921
440 yd dash	D. Serup	51.0	1948
880 yd run	R. Larkin	2:02.0	1941
1 mile run	R. Larkin	4:40.0	1941
120 yd H. H.	P. Faber	15.6	1948
200 yd L. H.	D. Westerman	22.4	1947
Pole Vault	W. Hawke	12' 3"	1947
High Jump	G. Hessenberger	5' 10 1/2"	1935
Shot Put	E. Olson	45' 8"	1930
Broad Jump	G. Hessenberger	21' 3"	1935
Discus	W. Hawke	136' 10 1/2"	1947
880 yd Relay	L. Brewbaker	1:34.2	1948
	P. Faber		
	D. Serup		
	D. Westerman		
Javelin	D. Whitmore	200'	1939

## FROSH SOPH TRACK RECORDS

EVENT	NAME	RECORD	YEAR
100 Yd. Dash	A. Richard	10.2	1949
220 Yd. Dash	A. Richard	23.9	1949
440 Yd. Dash	A. Wood	55.0	1948
880 Yd. Run	A. Loach	2:16.5	1947
Mile Run	R. Waller	5:13.4	1947
70 Yd. H. H.	P. Faber	10.1	1946
	K. Stremlau		1949
110 Yd. L. H.	D. Westerman	13.0	1949
Relay (440 Yd.)	Eckert, Westerman, 47		
	Brewbaker, Serup		1946
Shot Put	K. Stremlau	40' 1 1/2"	1949
Discus	M. Ehlers	110' 1"	1948
Pole Vault	J. Hickock	10' 5"	1946
High Jump	J. Hickock	5' 5"	1946
	C. Wilhelm		1946
Broad Jump	L. Brewbaker	18' 9"	1946

MENDOTA'S 1949 track season had its bright spots in spite of the gloom due to a disappointing record in competition. Some of the bright spots were Al Richard's 10.2 time in the 100 yd. dash and Gib Glaser's convincing victories in the 440. Al's dash equalled the school record. Gib copped 5 first and 3 second places, and his best time was 53.8. Bob Mealey came through in fine style as he posted 5 victories in the high jump. Jim Schwemlein, one of two seniors on the squad, proved to be the most consistent scorer. He grabbed 8 first places in his specialties, the shot and disc, and these points, combined with many others he collected, gave him a grand total of 78 points for the season. The Stremlau boys were the "Ironmen" of the squad as they could do almost anything. Their specialties were the dashes and hurdles.

The Trojans took meets from LaMoille and Sandwich only, while losing 7 engagements. Most of these were triangular affairs with such teams as Hall, L-P, Ottawa, Princeton, Geneseo, and Streator. Gib Glaser won a third place in the district. The Trojans were shut out in the conference meet at Sterling.

Although the season was not too successful so far as wins and losses are concerned it did give many boys experience for this year's squad. Ten of the twelve boys on the squad are back this year and are expected to compete in the 1950 track season.

## 1949 Track Lettermen

**Varsity**  
 Jim Schwemlein  
 Bill Budach  
 Marvin Ehlers  
 Al Wood  
 Gib Glaser  
 Bob Mealey  
 Curt Van Etten  
 Tom Faber  
 Bernie Stremlau  
 Kenny Stremlau  
 Al Richard  
 Norman Hoover

**Frosh-Soph**  
 Don Abbott  
 Delbert Edgcomb  
 Jim McCormick  
 Benny Durand  
 Glen Eich  
 Bill Prescott  
 Jim Eichorn



*People you know. . . .*

*and places that are familiar*



1. How undignified! GAA initiation was the bugbear of many new members . . . . . 2. Dance of the hour. Noonhour dancing led to more participation at school dances . . . . . 3. Purely platonic, at least we think it's that way now . . . . . 4. Favorite subject — noontime, favorite recreation — just dinking . . . . . 5. Trio from "Echo": Pete, Repeat, and Say-it again . . . . . 6. "Charlie, my boy! you thrill me." . . . . . 7. Glamor Gal Mershon and Mr. X of the converted convertible . . . . . 8. "If I had the wings of an angel" — nuff' said . . . . . 9. Rogerius rides again! — and behind such a spirited charger . . . . . 10. Returning to pigtails and lollipops for the thrill of a birthday party . . . . . 11. Partners in crime . . . . . 12. Jolly Time supersalesmen, or, Who ate up all the profits? . . . . . 13. Lonesome? Make applications here . . . . . 14. Are you coming in, too? Who could refuse that invitation? . . . . . 15. Co-operate a little, Tom . . . . . 16. Overtime on her hands.

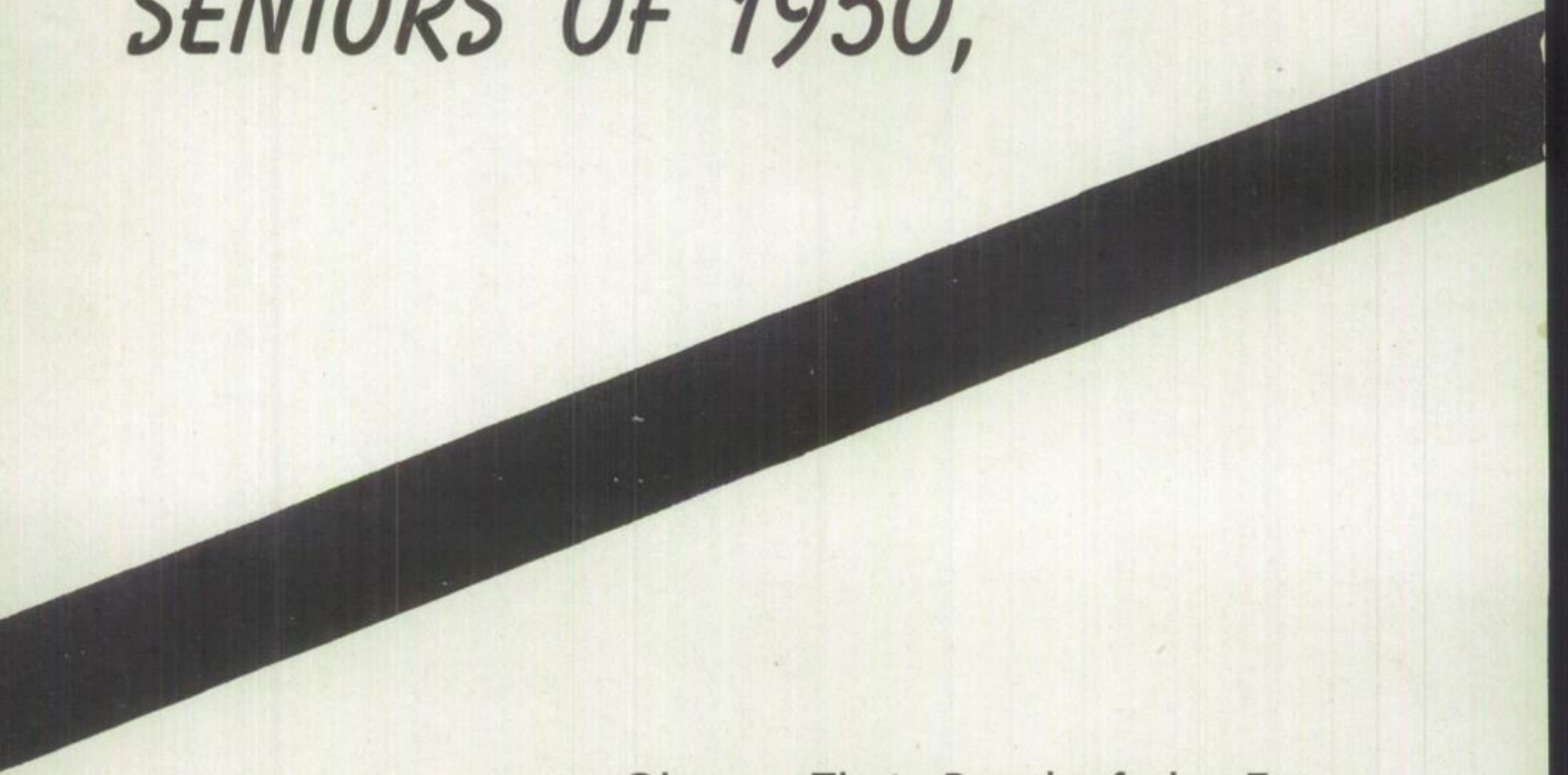






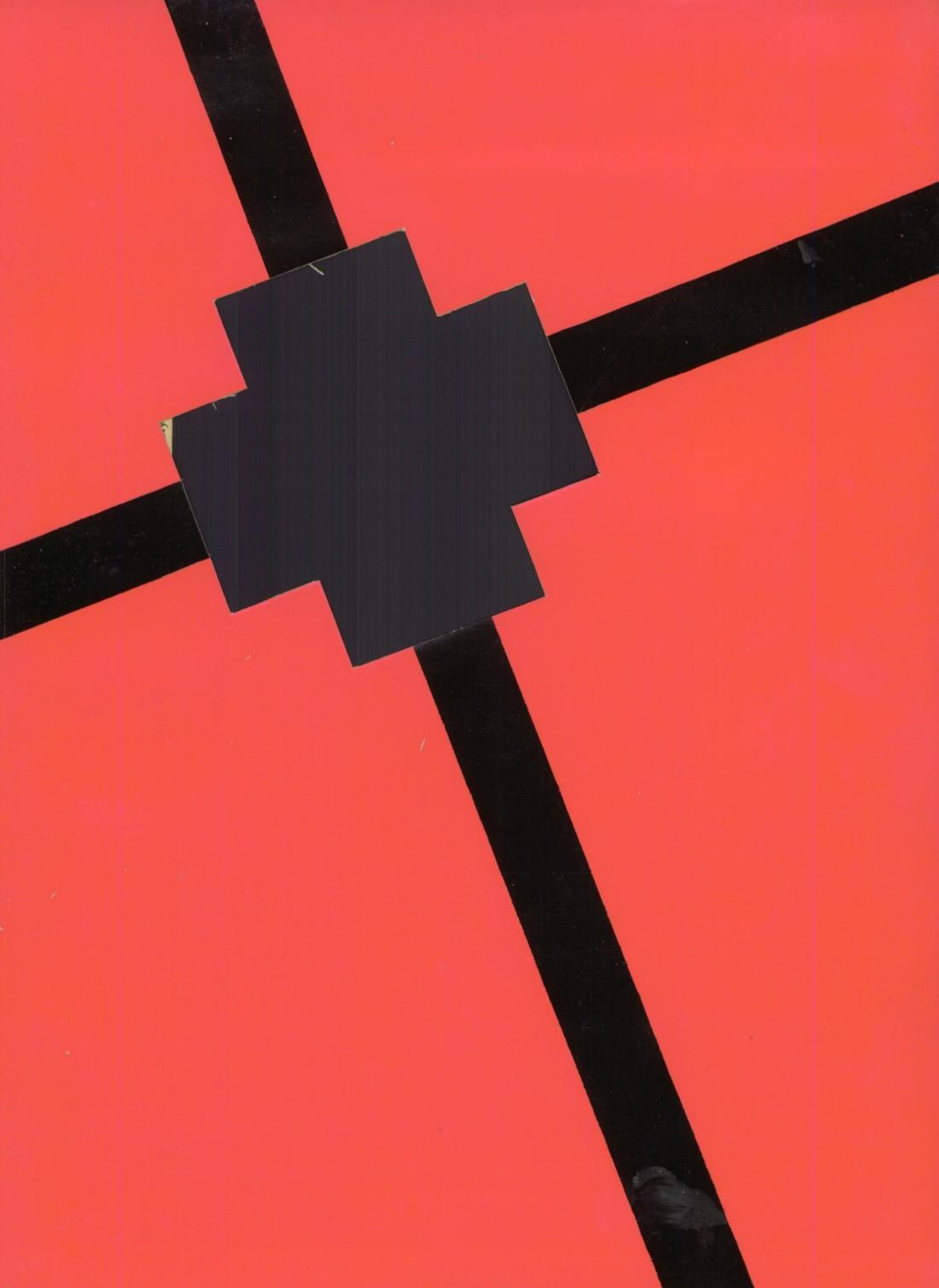
Students at MHS Choose to Learn  
in View of the Crossroad to Come,  
Learn to Choose as the Crossroad  
Draws Near, and, as

## *SENIORS OF 1950,*



Choose Their Road of the Future







# ROBERT McCONVILLE

**Tractor Crushes Chest  
Of Youth Wednesday  
Shortly Before Noon.**

**Services Saturday In  
Earlville. Friends May  
Call At Family Home.**

Robert J. McConville, 18, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. McConville, Route Two, Earlville, was crushed to death beneath a tractor sometime between 11:00 and 11:30



o'clock Wednesday morning, July 12th. He was found in the pasture just inside the gate by his uncle and cousin, Mr. Mark McConville and William McConville.

Robert was riding on a John Deere tractor and had hauled water to the hogs and was returning home at the time of the tragedy. It is evident that he had stopped the tractor to open the gate when in some manner his clothing caught on the hand clutch. The tractor evidently jerked, knocking him to the ground and the rear wheel of the tractor came to rest on his chest.

The Mark McConvilles live just a half mile east of the Raymond McConvilles and Mr. Mark McConville and his son, William, were returning home about noon from plowing corn when they discovered Robert's body in the field.

Dr. Edgar Cook of Mendota was summoned and he pronounced the boy dead upon his arrival.

The Schwarz ambulance was called and the body was taken to the Dwyer Funeral Home in Ottawa where an inquest was conducted this Thursday morning.

Robert J. McConville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. McConville, was born March 21, 1932 in Mendota. The family resides four miles east of Triumph and one-half mile north. He attended the District 236 school and graduated from Mendota High School with the class of 1950.

He was a member of the F. F. A. during his freshman, sophomore and junior years; a member of the football team his sophomore, junior and senior years and the varsity team his junior and senior year; a member of the band for four years; a member of the boy's chorus his sophomore, junior and senior years; the octet, his sophomore, junior and senior years; vocal soloist, his senior year, and was on the prom committee, a member of the Hi-Light staff and served on the Finance committee for the Atodnem. He was also a member of St. Theresa's Church, Earlville, the Young People's Sodality and the Prairie Center 4-H Club.

Surviving are his parents, a brother, Raymond, at home, a sister, Miriam at home, his grandmother, Mrs. John O'Donnell, Ottawa, and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by a sister, Marjorie.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock. The remains will be taken to the family home Thursday evening where friends may call. Services will be held in St. Theresa's Church, Earlville, and burial will be in St. Columba Cemetery, Ottawa.

# DIES IN FARM ACCIDENT





**2** ES, WE as seniors have finally reached the crossroads . . . . . what's next depends on us . . . . . daily we are asked, "What are you going to do next year?" . . . . . some of us have prepared ourselves for college . . . . . others have trained for business . . . . . many will enter skilled trades . . . . . a few will go directly into homemaking . . . . . among us there will be farmers, mechanics, and grocers . . . . . there will be nurses, stenographers, and teachers . . . . . there may even be a doctor and a lawyer and an author among us.

We've set our course and followed it, although our objective may have changed two or three times . . . . . we've received vocational guidance conferences, advice, warnings, and encouragement . . . . . now we feel that we are ready to make our most crucial decision — the choice of our life work and career . . . . . the road to tomorrow lies open before us.



*"Often a retrospection delights the mind." — Dante*

# SENIOR

AS THE CLASS of 1950 donned their graduating caps and gowns, prepared to enter the auditorium for the last time as students, the memories of the few short but successful years spent at MHS passed through their minds as they will many times in the future. Looking back over the years, few will ever forget the trials and rewards of their high school days.

On a bright, crisp September morning in the fall of '46, eighty-two young and innocent freshmen entered the halls of MHS for the first time. How can we ever forget the high lights of our year as "freshies"?

The first big event — the annual freshman party . . . . . Miss Pottinger and "Winkum" . . . . . friendships started that may last forever . . . . . the big clean-up committee . . . . . oh, those stacks of dirty dishes . . . . . Then the All-School party . . . . . we tried our hand at advertising it . . . . . our chance to get acquainted with the other classes.



FOUR YEARS AGO THE MIGHTY TROJANS LOOKED LIKE THIS!

The next event on our agenda was the class election. With some confusion and a lot of enthusiasm, the class officers were elected. Curtiss Van Etten was chosen president; Dick Fitzsimmons, vice-president; and Carol Pohl, secretary-treasurer. Nancy Blotch, Nancy Cummings, George Leonard, and Walter Engelbrecht were elected to represent our class on the student council.

This was the last year of the "Old Time" GAA initiations . . . . . the boys couldn't believe it, but the girls knew it was all too true . . . . . counting floor boards . . . . . eating under the table . . . . . leading a cheer before the assembly . . . . . proposing to randomly selected men . . . . . lipstick and spaghetti all over . . . . . at last we were GAA members.

The boys centered their interests around football and basketball. In football the freshman squad was small but much valuable experience was gained from many hours of hard practice with a powerful sophomore team. Muscles were developed in the process, too. In basketball the frosh team, coached by Mr. Morris, upheld the honor of the class by winning 15 games and losing only 5.

# CLASS





OUR OFFICERS WHEN WE  
WERE SOPHOMORES

**T**HOUGH only three months elapsed from the end of the freshman year to the beginning of the sophomore year, the once timid freshmen had changed to confident sophomores.

Once again the competition in class election was keen; we chose to lead our class LaVere Gray as president, Marvin Ehlers as vice-president, and Betty Rave as secretary-treasurer. Carol Pohl was elected to help represent the sophomore class on the student council.

The boys that year worked hard to secure and hold their positions on the football and basketball squads. How they remember: LaVere's captain-ing both teams through successful seasons . . . . . the tough DeKalb game . . . . . the 0-0 tie in the Rock Falls "dust bowl" . . . . . the Princeton game — the clock ran out . . . . . In basketball, 16 wins in 23 starts . . . . . the disputed DePue game . . . . . the DeKalb thriller — we won 22-21.

In the first annual homecoming, the sophomore class selected Lillian Svendsen to be queen and ride on the float. Betty Brown and Marie Kreiser were her attractive attendants. Our class's first venture into float-making turned out one of the sleekest looking floats in the parade.

Two new things were added to MHS . . . . . new band uniforms and the FHA . . . . . years of tag days finally paid off . . . . . we felt so military in our blue uniforms . . . . . even more so when people saluted us . . . . . Our potential housekeepers organized into the Future Homemakers of America . . . . . bringing cheer at Christmas by caroling . . . . . enjoying a joint picnic with the FFA .



PROM PLANNING COMMITTEE

FOURTH ROW: D. Worsley, J. Finley, C. Van Etten, T. Faber, M. Ehlers  
THIRD ROW: P. Martin, L. Svendsen, M. Bruck, B. Shoemaker, A. Rohs, C. Hoffman, E. Bunnell  
SECOND ROW: J. Truckenbrod, B. Rave, Mr. Lewis, Miss Payne, D. Fitzsimmons  
FIRST ROW: B. Brown, G. Larson, N. Cummings, N. Blotch

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## *Our prom in* **CANDY- LAND**

**A**T last, now we were upper-classmen . . . . . we pounded the rainy sidewalks with the seniors to secure broadcasting contracts . . . . . finally the great decision — we chose our class rings . . . . . our homecoming queen, Arlene Rohs, went "swinging on a star" . . . . . her attendants, Jeannine Dunn and Nancy Mathesius.

To lead our class, Marvin Ehlers was chosen as president, Tom Faber as vice-president, and Nancy Blotch as secretary-treasurer. LaVere Gray and Dale McConville were selected to help represent the class on the student council.

A number of juniors achieved positions on the first string of the football squad. Although the season wasn't very successful, a sound basis was formed for the following football season. The basketball season was more rewarding, showing 16 wins and 9 losses.

At last prom time came . . . . . crepe paper, 'til we thought we'd go mad . . . . . our first formal dance . . . . . and then it had to rain . . . . . the banquet . . . . . Marvin's welcome to the seniors . . . . . the peppermint entrance to Candyland . . . . . dancing under a gumdrop sky and a "milky way" . . . . . the sweet music from the candy band box . . . . . we left to dream of lollipops and candy canes.







#### CAST OF CHARACTERS

STANDING: N. Blotch, student director; M. Ehlers, MacIntosh; C. Van Etten, Arthur Hale; R. DuBois, Oswald Kerins; J. Coonen, Thompson; J. Finley, Yami; Mr. Pourchot, director  
SEATED: B. Rave, Erma Lowrie; M. Wagner, Mystery Woman; M. Arnette, Aunt Sophia; J. Dunn, Peg VanNess; C. Pohl, Mrs. Murdock

# Tiger House

*Shivery, shakey, spine-tin-  
gling story of horrendous doings in an iso-  
lated house habited by a horrible man-  
mauling tiger.*

Our first experience in dra-  
matics was a mystery-comedy.  
We learned that producing a  
play had more to it than act-  
ing. The stage crews and com-  
mittees did many of the less  
glamorous tasks which are es-  
sential to a production.

How many of these do you  
remember: Mr. Pourchot's pa-  
tience . . . . . Roger's sweet lit-  
tle "nightie" . . . . . the letter  
that fell from the picture  
frame! . . . . . the tiger claws  
that appeared from the book-  
case . . . . . the "diurnal lepi-  
dopterous insect" . . . . . the  
quick revision of script during  
the performance . . . . . our  
lovely portrait of dear "Aunt  
 Sylvia" . . . . . the screeching  
when her painted eyes and the  
lamp lit up . . . . . the myste-  
rious woman from the sinking  
boat . . . . . Carol's dour Mrs.  
Murdock.



#### JUNIOR PLAY COMMITTEES

TOP ROW: C. Hoffman, D. McConville, T.  
Faber, J. Keller, C. Van Etten, B. McCon-  
ville, J. King, K. Piller  
THIRD ROW: M. Goubeaux, L. Botts, E. Stein,  
B. Johnson, B. Shoemaker, E. Bunnell, P.  
Martin  
SECOND ROW: B. Rave, Mr. Pourchot, Mrs.  
Doenier, Mr. Gehler, Miss Payne, Mr.  
Wedemeyer, Mr. Lewis, G. Larson  
FIRST ROW: M. Johnson, N. Blotch, C. Pres-  
cott, D. Bauer, B. Brown, N. Cummings



# *At last!*



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS  
STANDING: D. Worsley, Vice-Pres.; Mr. Mauntel, Mr. LeMarr, J. Finley, Pres.  
SEATED: Miss Swanson, Miss Breese, B. Shoemaker, Sec.-Treas.

**JAMES FINLEY**  
College Preparatory

**BETTY SHOEMAKER**  
College Preparatory

**DON WORSLEY**  
Diversified Occupations

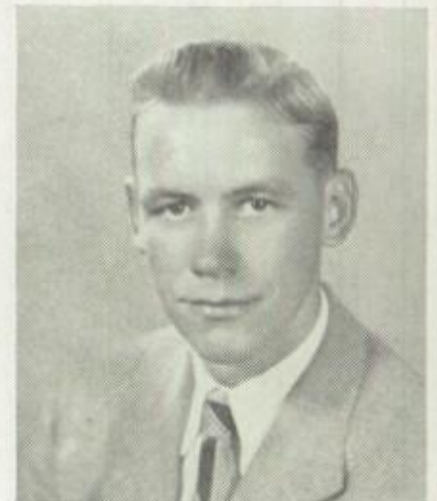
CHOSEN to guide us through the many problems that confronted us as seniors, was Jim Finley, our president. We selected Don Worsley as vice-president and Betty Shoemaker as secretary-treasurer to help Jim; Dick Fitzsimmons was elected to help represent us on the student council.

Sports, as always, held a prominent place in the eyes of many of the boys. Don Worsley and LaVere Gray captained the football team; Curt Van Etten and LaVere led the basketball squad. Betty Brown also showed her interest in sports as varsity cheerleader all four years.

The class elected Martha Jones and Dick Fitzsimmons to reign as queen and king of our hearts on our homecoming float. Their attendants were Betty Rave and Delbert Didier.

As we reminisce over our senior year, we remember . . . . . our prepared-at-the-last-minute pep session . . . . . the pop corn machine, pop cooler, and deep freeze . . . . . "Meet Me in St. Louis" . . . . . our last football game . . . . . the exchange of senior photos . . . . . the feeling we had when the other classes registered for next year and we didn't . . . . . ordering our graduation invitations . . . . . our last high school prom . . . . . the final flurry of excitement as solemn Baccalaureate passed, preparation was made for class day, and finally we heard the opening strains of "Pomp and Circumstance."

As the class of 1950 donned their graduating caps, these memories of the four short years at MHS undoubtedly passed through their minds. But there isn't much time to reminisce. We're at the crossroads of the future now. We've traveled one road to the end but others lie open before us.





**CAROL JEAN AMFAHR**  
Business Course



**DEAN L. BAUER**  
Agriculture

**NANCY M. BLOTCH**  
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**WILLIAM D. BUCK**  
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**LOLA BOTTS**  
Business Course



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**BETTY BROWN**  
Home Economics



**DELBERT DIDIER**  
Agriculture

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*Roger DuBois*



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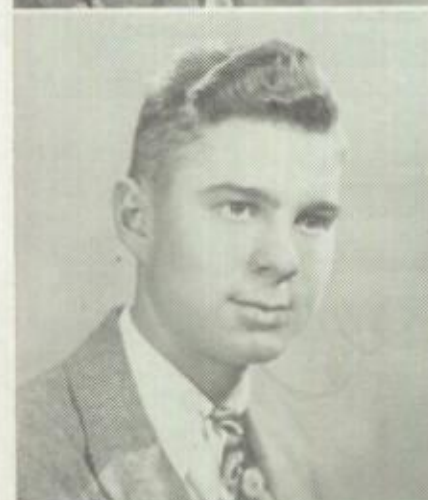
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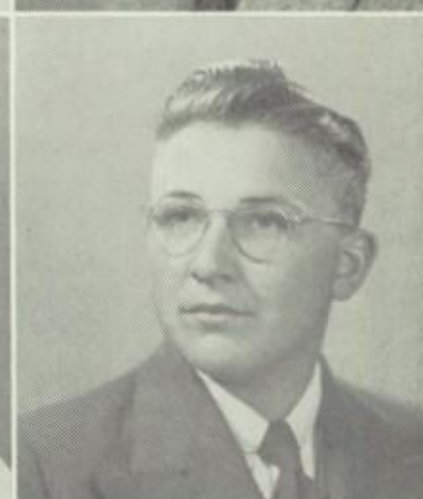
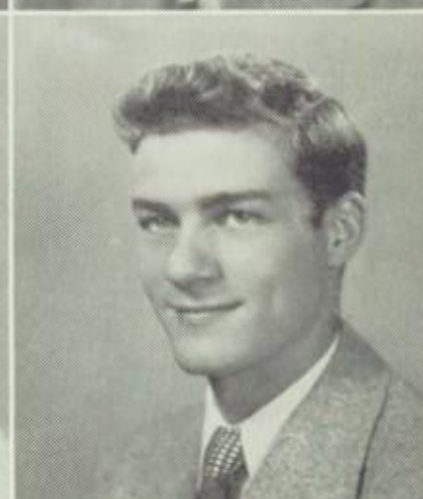
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# SENIOR DATA

*"And, departing, leave behind us—"*

## CAROL JEAN AMFAHR

Class Play Usher 4; Ticket Committee 4; Publicity & Program 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Sextet 4; Instrumental Soloist 3, 4; Prom Committees 3; Latin Club 3; Atodnem Finance & Service 4

## DEAN L. BAUER

Class Play property Committee 3; Stage Committee 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 2; Prom Committee 3; Homecoming Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4

## NANCY M. BLOTCH

Secretary Treasurer 3; Class Play 4; Student Director 3; Prompter 3; Costume Committee 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Octet 1; Speech Contestant 3; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Asst. Editor 4; Latin Club 3; Vice-President 3; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary Treasurer 4; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 4; Sales Committee 3; Atodnem Co-Editor, Finance, Production & Copy 4

## LOLA BOTTS

Class Play Usher 3, 4; Glee Club 2; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

## BETTY BROWN

Class Play Make Up Committee 3, 4; Conference Play Student Director & Make Up 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 4; Baseball Manager 3; Prom Committees 3; Ring Committee 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; Program Chrm. 2; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance, Service, Maintenance & Copy 4

## MARY JANE BRUCK

Class Play 4; Stage Committee 4; Prom Committees 3; Cadets 1, 2; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 4; Atodnem Finance, Service, Typing & Copy 4

## WILLIAM D. BUCK

Freeport High School 1/2 year; Class Play Stage Committee 2, 3, 4; Football 2; Cross Country 3; Prom Committees 3; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; Contest Play Stage Mgr. 4

## ELSIE BUNNELL

Class Play Usher 3; Prompter 4; Publicity & Program Committee 4; Band 1; Prom Committees 3; Cadets 1; Hi-Light Staff 4; Latin Club 3; Cheerleader 1, 2; Fresh-Soph. 1, 2; Homecoming Committee 4; Atodnem Finance, Service, Maintenance & Copy 4

## JERRY COONEN

Class Play 3, 4; Conference Play 4; Contest Play 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4; Band Sec. Treas. 4

## NANCY CUMMINGS

Class Play 4; Costume Committee 4; Make Up 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Instrumental Soloist 1, 2; Instrumental Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Sec. Treas. 3; Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Sec. Treas. 3; Broadcasting Council Copy Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Finance & Production 4

## DELBERT DIDIER

FFA 1, 2, 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance 4

## JON DINGES

Sycamore High School 2 years; FFA 3, 4; Reporter 3; Atodnem Finance 4

## ROGER DUBOIS

Class Play 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Debate 2; Speech Contestant 4; NFL Associate Member 4; Broadcasting Council Technicians 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

## JEANNINE DUNN

Class Play 3, 4; Make Up 4; Conference Play 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Chrm. 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Prom Committees 3; Ring Committee 3; Cadets 1; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Committee 4; Broadcasting Council Copy & Announcing Staff 4; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

## WILLIAM H. EBBINGHAUS

J. C. Donnell High School, Findlay, Ohio 1; Rochelle Twp. High School 2, 3; Debate 4; Varsity 4; Speech Contestant 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; NFL Active Member 4; Atodnem Finance, Copy & Production Staff 4

## MARVIN EHLERS

President 3; Vice President 2; Class Play 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Debate 2, 3; Varsity 4; Speech Contestant 4; Prom Committees 3; Ring Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; NFL Active Member 2, 4; Broadcasting Council Technicians 3, 4; Announcing Staff 4; Sales Committee 3; Atodnem Business Manager, Finance, Copy, & Production Staff 4

## ELAINE EICHORN

Class Play Usher 4; GAA 1; Prom Committee 3; FHA 3, 4; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

## TOM FABER

Vice President 3; Class Play 4; Ticket Committee 3, 4; Costume Committee 4; Property Committee 3, 4; Stage Committee 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 4; Atodnem Finance 4

## JAMES FINLEY

President 4; Class Play 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Boys Chorus 3, 4; Octet 3; Vocal Soloist 3, 4; Instrumental Soloist 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Ring Committee 3; Homecoming Committee 4; Atodnem Finance, Copy, & Production Staff 4

## JAMES FITZGERALD

D. O. Club 4

## DICK FITZSIMMONS

Vice President 1; Class Play Ticket Committee 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 4; Varsity 4; Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming King 4; Student Council 4; Broadcasting Council Sales Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

## GILBERT GLASER

Lee Center 2 1/2 years; Class Play Stage Committee 3; FFA 4; Football 1, Varsity 4; Track 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

## DEAN GORDON

Princeton Twp. High School 1; Band 2, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4; D. O. Club 4

## SALLY ANN GORMAN

Class Play Usher 4; Make Up 4; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 1, 2; Cheerleader 4; Varsity 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance & Typing 4

## MARJORIE GOUBEUX

Class Play Usher 3, 4; Band 1; Latin Club 3; Atodnem Finance 4

## LAVERE GRAY

President 2; Class Play Stage Committee 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Captain 2, Co-Captain 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Captain 2, Co-Captain 4; Track 2, 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; Student Council 3, 4; D. O. Club 4

## ROBERT HARBOLDT

Taft Jr. High School 1; Central High School 2, 3; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Football 4; Varsity 4; Atodnem Finance 4

## DONALD HITCHINS

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

## MARLIN HOELZER

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 4; Homecoming Committee 4; Atodnem Finance 4

## CAROL HOFFMAN

Class Play 4; Stage Committee 4; Make Up 3; Conference Play 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Contestant 4; Prom Committee 3; Ring Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Latin Club 3; Atodnem Finance, Production & Typing 4; Broadcasting Council Copy Committee Chrm. 3, 4

## MAX JAUCH JR.

D. O. Club 4; Vice President 4; Atodnem Finance 4

## EDWARD JOERGER

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Watch Dog 2; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 2; Prom Committee 3; Homecoming Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4



**BEVERLY JOHNSON**

Class Play Usher 3, 4, Publicity & Program 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Baseball Manager 4; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 1, 2; Homecoming Committee 3, 4; FHA 2; Atodnem Finance, Service, Maintenance & Typing 4

**MARY LOU JOHNSON**

Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Committee 4, Publicity & Program 4; GAA 1, 2; Glee Club 2, 3; Homecoming Committee 4; FHA 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4; Atodnem Finance, Service, Copy & Typing 4

**MARTHA JEAN JONES**

Joliet High School 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 4, President 4; Sextet 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Atodnem Finance 4

**JOHN KELLER**

Class Play 4, Property Committee 3, 4; Basketball 1, 4, Varsity 4; Football 2; Team Manager 3; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Sports Editor 4; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4

**NANCY KETTLEBOROUGH**

Class Play 4; GAA 1, 2; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance 4

**JESS KING**

Class Play Property Committee 3, 4, Stage Committee 3, 4; Conference Play 3, 4; Contest Play 2; Team Manager 1; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

**GRETA LARSON**

Class Play Usher 3, Property Committee 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball Manager 4, Freshman Rep. 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Prom Committee 3; Ring Committee 3; Homecoming Committee 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3, Secretary 2; Broadcasting Council Traffic Committee 3, 4, Announcing Staff 4; Atodnem Finance, Copy & Typing 4

**DALE McCONVILLE**

Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Committee 3, Publicity & Program 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, Vice President 3, Reporter 2; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4, Vice President 4; Atodnem Finance 4

**ROBERT J. McCONVILLE**

Class Play Usher 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, Secretary 3, Watch Dog 3; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys Chorus 2, 3, 4; Octet 2, 3, 4; Vocal Soloist 4; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance 4

**DON MAHAFFEY**

FFA 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3; Basketball 1; Band 1; Prom Committees 3; Atodnem Finance 4

**DUANE MARCUM**

Dixon High School 1/2 year; Class Play Stage Committee 2; Football 2; Prom Committees 3; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4, President 4

**PATRICIA MARTIN**

Class Play Usher 3, 4, Publicity & Program 4; Glee Club 2; Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 3; FHA 1, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

**NANCY MATHESIU**

Class Play 4, Costume Committee 4; GAA 1, 2; Band 2; Glee Club 1; Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance 4

**ROBERT MEALEY**

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

**JOANNE MERSHON**

Rochelle High School 1, 2, 3; Class Play Usher 4; Ticket Committee 4, Publicity & Program 4; Atodnem Finance, Typing & Maintenance 4

**DONNA MOMENY**

Class Play Property Committee 3; GAA 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Committee 3; FHA 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

**DOROTHY MORRIS**

Depue High School 1, 2; Class Play Publicity & Program 4; Conference Play 4; Atodnem Finance 4

**WESLEY MUNSON**

FFA 1, 2, 3; Football 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

**DARLENE OPSAL**

Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Committee 3, Publicity & Program 4; GAA 1, 2; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 1, 2; FHA 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Finance 4

**DELPHINE OPSAL**

Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Committee 4, Publicity & Program 4, Make Up 4; GAA 1, 2; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 1, 2; FHA 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Finance & Service 4

**KENNETH PILLER**

Class Play 4, Property Committee 3, 4; Conference Play 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4; Basketball 1, 2; Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4

**CAROL POHL**

Secretary Treasurer 1; Class Play 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, Treasurer 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2; Band Vice President 3; Debate 2, 3, 4, Varsity 4; Speech Contestant 4; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Committees 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4, President 4; NFL 2, 3, 4, President 4; Broadcasting Council Sales Committee 3; GAA Track Manager 2; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4

**CHARLES PRESCOTT**

Class Play 4, Stage Committee 3; Basketball 1; Cross Country 3; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Committee 3, 4; Broadcasting Council Traffic Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

**BETTY RAVE**

Secretary Treasurer 2; Class Play 3, Student Director 4, Ticket Committees 3, 4, Costume Committee 4, Publicity & Program 4; Contest Play 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Social Chrm. 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 4, Varsity 4; Speech Contestant 4; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Committees 2, 3, 4; NFL 4, Active Member 4; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 4, Sales 3, 4; Instrumental Ensemble 4; Atodnem Co-Editor, Finance, Production & Copy 4

**BETTY ROACH**

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

**BOB ROACH**

Track 3, 4, Varsity 3; Cross Country 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Instrumental Soloist 3; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

**JAMES ROD**

FFA 1, 2, Vice President 2; Atodnem Finance 4

**ARLENE ROHS**

Class Play 4, Make Up 3; Conference Play 4; Speech Contestant 2, 4; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4, Editor 4; Homecoming Committee 4, Queen 3; FHA 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4

**BETTY SHOEMAKER**

Secretary Treasurer 4; Class Play Usher 4, Costume Committee 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Individual Sports Manager 3; Glee Club 3; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 2; Homecoming Committee 3; Broadcasting Council Copy Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Typing & Production 4

**PATRICK E. SMITH, JR.**

Homecoming Committee 4; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

**ELAINE V. STEIN**

Cadets 2; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

**LILLIAN SVENDSEN**

Class Play Usher 4, Ticket Committee 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Sextet 4; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 1; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Queen 2; FHA 2, 3, Secretary 3; Broadcasting Council Copy Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance & Typing 4

**JACK TRUCKENBROD**

FFA 1, 2, President 2, Vice President 1; Basketball 1; Football 2, 3, Varsity 3; Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

**CURTISS VAN ETEN**

President 1, Class Play 3, 4, Property Committee 4, Stage Committee 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Broadcasting Council Sales Committee 3; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4

**MARILEE WAGNER**

Class Play 3, Usher 4; GAA 2; Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance, Copy, Service & Maintenance 4; D. O. Club 4, Secretary Treasurer 4

**MARJORIE JEAN WHITMORE**

Class Play Usher 4; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

**JIM WITTMAN**

Chicago Vocational High School 1, 2; Class Play Stage Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4

**LOIS WIXOM**

Class Play Usher 3; GAA 1, 2, 3; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 1, 2; FHA 1, 2; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

**ALAN WOOD**

LaSalle Peru High School 1; Basketball 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4

**DON WORSLEY**

Vice President 4; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Track 1; Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

**DOROTHY ZIMMERMAN**

Class Play Ticket Committee 3, Publicity & Program 4; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4





BACK ROW: L. Eichorn, M. Glaser, J. Auchstetter, G. Larson, E. Eichorn, D. Momeny, L. Buettner, P. Roth, M. Schwemlein  
 SECOND ROW: M. Johnson, E. Sollitt, M. Spanier, N. Cotton, B. Spanier, D. Goubeaux, Mrs. Elsesser  
 FIRST ROW: L. Edwards, P. Martin, T. Auchstetter, F. Delhotal

## *Homemaking and farming are careers chosen by members of*

BACK ROW: D. Bauer, F. Ethridge, N. Bauer, G. Glaser, D. Hitchins, R. Klinefelter, G. Foote, G. Ehlers, E. Joerger  
 THIRD ROW: J. Pierce, R. Geil, J. Longbein, E. Schweiger, D. Baird, A. Rod, B. Dewey, W. Meyer, R. Anderson, N. Inman  
 SECOND ROW: D. Rod, B. Joerger, D. Waller, B. McLaughlin, D. Ward, L. Truckenbrod, C. Sondgeroth, R. Gillette, D. McConville, R. Montavon  
 SEATED: Mr. Morris, D. Bialas, M. Hoelzer, K. Piller, G. Hochstatter; not pictured: J. Dinges, M. Jackson





"TOWARD NEW HORIZONS," the motto of the Future Homemakers of America, expresses their plan of meetings. Each monthly get-together is planned to further one phase of homemaking.

Last summer Norma Cotton was sent to camp at Lake Bloomington to learn the ideas of FHA members from the entire state. A formal initiation of officers was held in October to which the girls' mothers were invited. One of the ideals of the FHA, service to the community and world, was carried out by doing such things as: caroling to shut-ins at Christmas; buying a

Christmas box for a foreign girl; making hospital tray favors; collecting bundles for the Save the Children Federation.

In October three girls attended the district convention in Tonica. Mendota was guest at a joint meeting in LaMoille where much interesting information was learned about the customs of the English people.

#### FHA OFFICERS

President .....	Norma Cotton
Vice President .....	Marilyn Spanier
Secretary .....	Evelyn Sollitt
Treasurer .....	Bernice Spanier
Reporter .....	Mary Lou Johnson
Scrapbook Chr. ....	Donna Goubeaux
Advisor .....	Mrs. Elssesser
Chapter Mother .....	Mrs. Roth

## the FHA and FFA

THE FUTURE FARMERS of American believe in "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, and living to serve." Their primary aim is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship.

Marlin Hoelzer, the president, was presented with a plaque signifying the first place award Mendota won in the 1948-49 Section II Soil Conservation Contest. The chapter also entered a parliamentary procedure contest in which they won third place.

In December a father-son banquet was held by the FFA to which they invited their

dads. At other regularly scheduled meetings, the boys played basketball, baseball, or were instructed in better methods of farming.

In April the boys sponsored a donkey basketball game in order to raise funds for chapter needs.

#### FFA OFFICERS

President .....	Marlin Hoelzer
Vice President .....	Kenneth Piller
Secretary .....	Don Bialas
Treasurer .....	Gregory Hochstatter
Reporter .....	Jon Dinges
Sentinel .....	Melvin Jackson
Advisor .....	Mr. Morris



BACK ROW: G. Hochstatter, N. Cotton, M. Hoelzer, D. Bialas, E. Sollitt, M. Johnson, B. Spanier, D. Goubeaux.  
SEATED IN FRONT: K. Piller, M. Spanier.



**T**O THE BOYS who have chosen farming as their life work vocational agriculture is a most practical and rewarding course — as an examination of last year's achievements will show.

Keith Sterchi's name was engraved on a plaque presented by the DeKalb Agricultural Association as the outstanding senior agriculture student of 1948-49. A new name is added to this plaque at the end of each year.

The boys spend many hours working on their projects and many show outstanding results. Gregory Hochstatter with 133.6 and Jon Dinges with 133.3 had the highest corn yields per acre. Gregory, Jon, and Don Mahaffey led in pork production. Don and Elman Schwieger had the best dairy projects of the year. James Cogdal's sheep project was the chapter's best. In the beef department, Lyle Truckenbrod captured the Grand Champion heifer and steer awards at Mendota and Ottawa. By the end of the year he had won a watch and nearly \$100 in prize money.

## VO-AG

### *news and views*

1. Picnic at lake for FFA and 8th graders.
2. Bruce Dewey's 2 sows and litters.  
56 day weight—294  
56 day weight—207
3. Donald Mahaffey showing ag boys his herd of 4 Guernseys.
4. Frank Etheridge shown checking his corn project which yielded 108 bu. per acre.
5. Melvin Jackson showing his Holstein heifer at Mazon fair.
6. D. Ehlers and his Shorthorn herd.
7. Picture of Marlin Hoelzer's grass waterway being seeded down.
8. Ag. III class marking off contour lines of L. Joerger farm.
9. Project tour of Jon Dinges' hog project.
10. Delbert Didier standing in a field of rape pasture for his spotted Polands.
11. Donald Baird with his 11 pigs that weighed 396 lbs. at 56 days of age.
12. Kenneth Piller and part of his herd of Angus.



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# Many choose *SPEECH* activities

**E**LEVEN ambitious and enthusiastic students were interested in speech work. On Feb. 11, these contestants journeyed to DeKalb High School to compete in the North Central Conference Speech Tournament. A week before these same students attended a preliminary contest at Calumet City where Mendota did itself proud by taking top honors in several divisions.

Mary Lou Bruckner, Marna Brewbaker, Charlette Jackson and Arlene Rohs were interested in humorous readings. Charlette and Mary Lou were chosen to go to DeKalb where the girls placed 8th and 9th respectively.

Carol Hoffman in "Blind Faith" placed 3rd and Arlene Rohs with "Sky Fodder" won fourth at DeKalb in dramatic readings. Joyce Waller also presented competition.

In verse reading Beverly Preston placed eighth and Beverly Small placed ninth giving the required selections. Beverly Preston in addition to preparing her verse reading worked also on an oration.

Bill Ebbinghaus and Marvin Ehlers entered the field of extemp speaking for their contest work. Bill and Marvin both did themselves proud by taking third and fourth place positions respectively at the DeKalb meet.

Marilee Emerick proudly returned from DeKalb with a fourth place rating in the oratorical declamation field. Marilee was the only one from Mendota in her division competing at DeKalb since the other contestant, Carol Pohl, was ill.

There were two original orators who competed at DeKalb, Roger Dubois who took sixth position giving "Life, Liberty, Equality" and Jane Vogelsang, a freshman, who presented "Equality or Superiority" and placed seventh.

The students placing highest in their division at DeKalb then went to the district contest which was held at Mendota on Feb. 25. At that time Charlette Jackson, Marilee Emerick, Bill Ebbinghaus, and Beverly Preston placed first in their divisions; Carol Hoffman and Roger Dubois won third place positions in theirs.

In the sectional contest which was held at Pontiac two weeks later Charlette received third place rating, Carol fifth, and Roger ran into stiff competition and placed twelfth. Marilee placed second, and Bill outclassed all the rest of the contestants in his group, taking first place honors. This gave both of these students the privilege of going to the state final contest at Champaign. The play, which had been automatically advanced from district, placed sixth among the ten plays given.



THIRD ROW: C. Hoffman, M. Emerick, M. Ehlers, R. DuBois, J. Vogelsang, Eill Ebbinghaus, not pictured  
SECOND ROW: J. Waller, B. Preston, B. Small, M. Bruckner, C. Pohl, C. Jackson, A. Rohs, not pictured  
SEATED, Cast of contest play, Echo: B. Rave, S. Scherger, D. McConville, J. Coonen, Mr. Pourchot





Miss Swanson, C. Hoffman, Miss Breese, M. Ehlers, B. Ebbinghaus, N. Cummings, J. Finley, N. Blotch, B. Rave. Not pictured: B. Shoemaker, M. Bruck.

## *The ATODNEM production staff*

IT IS often said that cooperation is the keynote of success, and the completion of this annual proves it, for it is teamwork that has produced it from the start. Without the wholehearted cooperation of the various committees, the advisors, and the entire senior class our Atodnem would not have been possible.

The nerve center of the yearbook was the production staff, which was made up of the class officers, the production manager, the editors, the typing chairman, and their respective assistants. This group met daily under the direction of Miss Breese, and, as the various deadlines drew near, often worked until late at night. Working together, the staff planned the general theme and layout of the Atodnem. They met with photographers, binders, en-

gravers, and printers. They made assignments to the other committees and correlated all material as it came in. They individually accepted responsibility for specific tasks and cooperatively helped each other meet the deadlines on these.

The innumerable business details connected with the Atodnem were taken care of by the production manager, Marvin Ehlers, and the assistants, Bill Ebbinghaus and Jim Finley. Their specialized work included such tasks as managing details connected with the group photography, acting as photographer's assistants, budgeting expenses, signing contracts, and making dummies and layout sheets. They handled all Atodnem sales and took charge of the distribution of all copies.





# *Widely duties staffs*

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 SEATED: B. Brown, Miss Breese, N. Blotch, B. Rave, J. Keller, M. Bruck

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 SECOND ROW: M. Whitmore, L. Svendsen, J. Dunn, E. Eichorn, B. Roach, S. Gorman  
 SEATED: G. Larson, M. Bruck, Miss Swanson, C. Hoffman, E. Stein

The editors, Nancy Blotch and Betty Rave, undertook the task of making assignments to members of the copy committee and then checking and revising all material to fit space and layout. Assisted by the other staff members, they planned layouts and prepared pictures for the engravers; they read proof and pasted the dummy. Nancy Cummings, cut chairman, worked with them and had charge of preparing engraver's dummies and keeping records of all cuts. She was assisted by Betty Shoemaker, who also did art work for the annual.

The copy committee gathered information and statistics and wrote the articles for the yearbook. Without the help of these seniors the job of the editors would have been insurmountable. The staff pays special recognition to sports editor John

Keller, feature writer Curt Van Etten, and to Mary Jane Bruck, Betty Brown, and Carol Pohl who identified all students in the pictures. Mary Jane had charge of senior statistics—a major task in itself.

The typing committee was under the chairmanship of Carol Hoffman. Few people realize the hours of work required in typing, re-typing, checking, and re-checking the vast quantities of material involved. Accuracy is important and perfection was the goal of this hard-working committee.

In order to undertake something of so great a scope as this book, we had to have ample financial backing. This was provided by the loyal efforts of the finance committee composed of the entire senior class and its advisors. This committee was supervised by Jim Finley, senior president,



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SERVICE COMMITTEE  
STANDING: D. Opsal, C. Amfahr, M. Bruck, Chrm.  
SEATED: E. Bunnell, M. Wagner, B. Brown, M. Johnson, B. Johnson  
MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE  
J. Mershon, B. Johnson, S. Gorman, E. Bunnell, L. Svendsen, B. Brown, M. Wagner, Chrm., not pictured

assisted by Don Worsley, vice-president. The job of paying the bills and taking care of all senior funds fell to Betty Shoemaker, secretary-treasurer, who performed her duties under the watchful eye of Miss Swanson. Working as an integral part of the finance committee were the service and maintenance committees. The service committee had the important job of seeing that

there were workers at the stand on all occasions and had to see that the work was divided evenly. No one worked harder at the games than some of the members of the committee themselves. The maintenance committee had the unenviable but very necessary duty of taking care of the equipment and seeing that it was always clean and ready for use.



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J. Keller, Sports Editor; Mrs. Doenier, Advisor; A. Rohs, Editor;  
N. Blotch, Assistant Editor

# *HI-LIGHT has told school news for 25 years*

*Y*ES, 1950 marks the 25th year of the Mendota Hi-Light. Since its beginning in 1925, high school students have written about themselves and their school activities to gain better understanding and co-operation among school, parents, and the community. The journalism class supplies material to the Reporter, which publishes it as a part of the weekly paper. Our experiences as fledgling journalists will never be forgotten. Flashback:

Our first issue — we thought we'd never make it . . . . . the patient guidance of Mrs. Doenier . . . . . Dale's inimitable verse . . . . . the day Tom startled us with a "flash" picture . . . . . too much news, something will have to be cut . . . . . not enough news, didn't anything else happen? . . . . . Arlene's swell job as editor . . . . . our bubbling enthusiasm, precipitating the words we heard most often, "Can't you be quiet for one minute?" . . . . . Nancy Kettleborough's laugh . . . . . the standard question, "What's in the dirt column?" . . . . . our field trips . . . . . Bones' familiar cry, "How can I do it? I haven't got any study halls" . . . . . deadlines . . . . . 30.

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THIRD ROW: B. Brown, K. Piller, W. Engelbrecht, J. Keller, T. Faber, C. Van Etten, B. McConville, L. Gray, J. King  
SECOND ROW: N. Mathesius, N. Kettleborough, E. Bunnell  
FIRST ROW: C. Pohl, B. Rave, B. Ebbinghaus, A. Rohs, M. Ehlers, N. Blotch, Mrs. Doenier





...kaskia Hotel in LaSalle, Hazel ... Maryland Pope, and Bettyd Lelser ... Delta Gamma ... The Delta Kappa Gamma is a ... honor society for ... who have ... outstanding ... education ...

**PROJANS OPEN WITH 35-26 VICTORY OVER S. BELOIT**  
The Delta Kappa Gamma ... honor society for ... who have ... outstanding ... education ...

**NEW COURSES AT M. H. S.**  
Debate, speech, and dramatics are ... being offered as full-credit subjects ... this year, which is something new ... M. H. S. There are many more ... taking these subjects ...

**THE NOSE**  
this troubled world of ours ... many problems which take ... thought and serious one of ... presented of you ...

**MR. POURCHOT ANNOUNCES SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS**  
The preliminary speech contests were held Monday and Tuesday, January 23 and 24. Those who were judged as winners are as follows:  
Humorous Reading - Charlotte Jackson and Mary Bruckner.  
Original Orator - Jane Vogel-sang and Roger ...  
Verse Speech - Beverly Preston, Betty P ...  
Oration - Beverly Preston ...  
Dram - Walter ...

**AMAZING LAST WORDS**  
Vere Gray, "How come ...  
Garry, "Wait till I'm ...  
Girls, "Wicked ...  
Woods, "Don't be dripi ...  
Wadke, "By George ...  
Blotch, "By George ...  
Pottinger, "By George ...  
Rohs, "By George ...  
Ebbings, "By George ...  
Shanyfelt, "By George ...  
McConville, "By George ...  
Hoelzer, "By George ...  
Ehlers, "By George ...  
Bunnell, "By George ...  
Didier, "By George ...  
Kettleborough, "By George ...  
Fitzsimmons, "By George ...  
Engelbrecht, "By George ...  
Ebbingshaus, "By George ...  
Prescott, "By George ...  
Gordon, "By George ...  
Charlie, "By George ...

**HONORS AT STATE**  
... students and coach ... M. H. S. journeyed to ... Saturday, Feb. 4th ... in the Calumet ... tournament. Each student ... ranked highest in each ... for three rounds. The 80 ... ranked highest in each ... en compete ... ranked for ... Lou Bru ...

**THE FURROW PATH**  
In Ag. III the boys have been working out a plan for their farm. In this project the boys map their farms and try to get it on a fer-tilizing rotation. ... has been balance ... long strenuous hours ... to feed the baby ... a back to bed till seven ... on it is a long ... as three classes ... was add Press. ... d its st Paul ... y with a Press. ... its chos Shanyfelt ... working art's Marge ...

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Janet Brunner, December 7.  
Bill Gehler, December 7.  
Betty Pohl, December 7.  
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**TROJANS UPSET HALL RED DEVILS 44-34**  
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**H. S. "Hi-Light" Celebrates Silver Anniversary In 1950**  
This year Mendota high school ... its twenty-sixth year in of- ... practical experience in jour- ... all of which, the bro ... of the M ... was born in the ...

**ALUMNI NEWS**  
Marge Didier - 47 - Trouser ... Marian Stein - 49 - Nat ... Mary Coonen - 47 - Waysid ... Elsie Nowlin - 47 - Waysid ... Paul Shanyfelt - 48 - Waysid ... Marge ...

**TROJAN PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD FOR THE '49 SEASON**  
The 49 season for the Mendota ... looks good this year with ... 37 boys who answered to Coach ... the boys who reported are letter- ... D men. They are as follows: L. Grey, ... B. Stremlau, K. Stremlau, J. Fin- ... ley, A. Wood, Worsley, C. Van ... Subl, Elten, B. M ... Coach L ...

**HI-LIGHT WITH EXCHANGES PAPERS**  
Every week copies of the Hi-Light ... are sent to the high schools in ... of Spring Valley in Ottawa, Geneseo ... Mendota. In exchange these ... schools' papers, by the use of other ... Dick Fitzsimmons has been ...

**GREMLIN GAB**  
Our gabby gremlin while parked ... next to the bar at the local night ... gate, spot (referring to the "Kitch" ... mor is what h ...

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TICKET, PROGRAM & PUBLICITY  
 SECOND ROW: Miss Breese, Miss Swanson, Miss Brown,  
 D. Opsal, E. Bunnell, L. Svendsen, C. Amfahr  
 FIRST ROW: B. Johnson, B. Rave, B. Brown, D. Mc-  
 Conville, J. Mershon, M. Johnson, P. Martin



## "MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"



### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mr. Smith .....	Marvin Ehlers
Mrs. Smith .....	Nancy Cummings
Rose .....	Carol Pohl
Esther .....	Carol Hoffman
Agnes .....	Jeannine Dunn
Tootie .....	Arlene Rohs
Lon .....	John Keller
Grandpa Prophater .....	Charles Prescott
Katie .....	Nancy Mathesius
Mrs. Waughop .....	Nancy Kettleborough
Ida Boothby .....	Mary Jane Bruck
Fred Gregory .....	Curtiss Van Etten
John Shephard .....	Tom Faber
Lucille Pentard .....	Nancy Blotch
Mr. Dodge .....	Jerry Coonen
Mr. Duffy .....	Kenneth Piller
Conductor .....	Roger DuBois

#### MAKE UP

STANDING: Mrs. Doenier, B. Brown, D. Opsal, S.  
 Gorman, J. Dunn  
 SEATED: C. Hoffman, K. Piller, N. Kettleborough

#### STAGE CREW

Mr. Gehler, L. Gray, J. King, J. Keller, B. Buck, C.  
 Hoffman, M. Bruck, J. Shanyfelt, Mr. Wedemeyer

#### COSTUMES

N. Cummings, B. Rave, N. Blotch

#### SEXTET

L. Svendsen, S. Yost, C. Jackson, C. Truckenbrod,  
 M. Jones, J. Sonntag

#### USHERS

C. Amfahr, S. Gorman, P. Martin, B. Shoemaker, B.  
 Johnson, L. Svendsen, M. Wagner, J. Mershon,  
 M. Whitmore, L. Botts, M. Goubeaux





#### DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANTS

J. King, Stage Manager; B. Eunnell, Prompter; Mr. Pourchot, Director; B. Rave, Student Director

# "MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"

is both title and byword as the seniors  
issue invitations to their production  
of this popular and colorful costume  
play.

IT WILL BE A long time before the cast and stage crew of "Meet Me In St. Louis" forget their play and the fun they had presenting it. The practices sometimes extended far into the night — at least the nights when the cast didn't know their lines. Though long, the rehearsals were never dull . . . . .

Mr. Pourchot's juggling of three apples while eating one of them . . . . . Liz and Curt's "Battle of the Sprayer" . . . . . Roger DuBois' flashy rhymes and jokes . . . . . the rides the long way home . . . . . the visit to Mrs. Doenier on halloween . . . . . all these and more helped to make the time fly.

Play committees really had to function. The costume committee had Mendota going thru attics and closets to find clothes worn at the turn of the century . . . . . sighs of delight greeted the first act curtain

when it opened on the homiest looking set ever seen — some people even said they'd like to live in it.

What will be remembered about "Meet Me In St. Louis"? . . . . . the antique clock that started chiming seven when it said five-thirty? . . . . . Ken Piller's twitching mustache? . . . . . Nancy Kettleborough's violent actions? . . . . . Arlene Rohs' attack on Jerry's leg? . . . . . Who knows? But something will be remembered about the play, the seniors hope, by everyone of the capacity crowd who saw it.

#### SENIOR PLAY CAST

STANDING: N. Mathesius, M. Bruck, J. Keller, C. Hoffman, C. Van Etten, C. Prescott, J. Dunn, C. Pohl, T. Faber, M. Ehlers, A. Rohs, N. Cummings, K. Piller, R. DuBois. SEATED: J. Coonen, N. Blotch





# *"Barnum and Bailey's Favorite"*

The Band's motto this year might well have been "the show must go on" since rehearsals continued in spite of the frequent change of directors. Mr. W. C. Pierce led the band through the football season and all of the fall activities. Mr. Ross Harrington received a double load after Mr. Pierce's resignation, since he served as director of both

## BARITONES

D. Preston  
J. Finley  
J. Rave  
J. Wilhelm  
M. Jackson

## CORNETS

C. Amfahr  
B. Roach  
B. Wilhelm  
D. L. Rider  
G. Politsch  
J. McCormick

## CLARINETS

D. R. Schlesinger  
E. Jewell  
A. Truckenbrod  
D. McLaughlin  
D. Olson  
D. Gordon

## BASSES

B. Dewey  
V. Drees

## ALTO CLARINET

C. Cotton  
L. Schlesinger

## BASSOON

N. Cotton

## BATON TWIRLERS

J. Gray  
A. Truckenbrod

## CLARINETS

D. Kofoed  
J. Sonntag  
S. Yost  
D. Momeny  
N. Kaufman  
C. Loach

## CLARINETS

B. Roach  
M. Harvey  
T. Auchstetter  
M. Larabee  
B. Patrick  
B. Durham





# *is our Favorite, too... BAND*

band and chorus. Returning from Christmas vacation, the band members were greeted by Mr. Earnest Schlick, who was to lead them through the second semester's work. The jobs of performing at basketball games, contest work, and concerts were capably handled by Mr. Schlick.

## FLUTES

N. Cummings  
B. Rave  
J. Vogelsang  
M. Bruckner  
G. Larson  
J. Sonntag  
J. Sibigroth

## CORNETS

R. Hagerman  
C. Smith  
K. Killion  
H. Oberholz  
G. Ehlers  
M. Truckenbrod  
B. Zimmerlein

## FRENCH HORNS

C. Hoffman  
N. Blotch  
M. Ebbinghaus  
B. Schwingle  
O. Spenader  
D. Ohlinger

## BASS CLARINET

E. Sollitt  
J. Truckenbrod

## DRUMS

D. Mosher  
J. Cummings  
P. McLaughlin  
B. Mathesius  
R. Childers  
B. LaShonse

## ALTO SAX

N. Lucas  
C. Roehm  
R. Younglove  
D. Jordan

## TENOR SAX

C. Pohl  
S. Radtke  
B. McConville

## TROMBONES

B. Preston  
J. Coonen  
R. Childers  
P. Heininger  
D. Amfahr  
S. Spenader  
N. Wolfe

## OBOE

J. Waller







**BOYS QUARTET**  
J. Finley, J. Klein, R. Elsesser, B. McConville

*As contest time  
all one hears*

**WOODWIND CONTESTANTS**

SECOND ROW: M. Bruckner, L. Schlesinger, N. Cummings, G. Larson, B. Rave, J. Vogelsang, J. Sonntag  
FIRST ROW: E. Sollitt, J. Sonntag, S. Yost, R. Younglove, D. Jordan, J. Truckenbrod, J. Waller

**BRASS CONTESTANTS**

SECOND ROW: C. Smith, C. Amfahr, J. McCormick, D. Rider, B. Roach, B. Wilhelm, E. Politsch, V. Drees  
FIRST ROW: B. Preston, J. Coonen, D. Preston, J. Finley, J. Rave, R. Childers, P. Heininger





# *draws near, is "Music, Music, Music"*

## INSTRUMENTAL

On March 25 the solos and ensembles met at La Salle Peru High School for the district music contest.

### FIRST DIVISION

**1ST FLUTE TRIO**  
Nancy Cummings  
Betty Rave  
Greta Larson

**2ND FLUTE TRIO**  
Jane Vogelsang  
Mary Lou Bruckner  
Joan Sonntag

**1ST TRUMPET TRIO**  
Carol Amfahr  
Dora Lee Rider  
Kenny Killion

**TROMBONE TRIO**  
Beverly Preston  
Patti Heininger  
Jerry Coonen

**BARITONE TRIO**  
DeLores Preston  
James Finley  
James Rave

**SAXOPHONE QUARTET**  
Nancy Lucas  
Carol Roehm  
Carol Pohl  
Shirley Radtke

**BASS CLARINET**  
Evelyn Sollitt

**BARITONE SOLO**  
DeLores Preston  
James Finley

**OBOE SOLO**  
Joyce Waller

### SECOND DIVISION

**2ND TRUMPET TRIO**  
Eugene Politsch  
Bruce Wilhelm  
James McCormick

**TRUMPET SOLO**  
Carol Amfahr

**TROMBONE SOLO**  
Beverly Preston

### THIRD DIVISION

**PIANO SOLO**  
Virginia Drees



BATON TWIRLERS  
A. Truckenbrod, J. Gray

## VOCAL

The vocal solos and ensembles went to contest with the instrumentalists and, also did a fine job. The first division winners from both groups then went to the state music contest at Taylorville on April 28.

### FIRST DIVISION

**1ST SOPRANO**  
Beverly Preston

### SECOND DIVISION

**GIRLS' SEXTET**  
Joyce Waller  
Sue Yost  
Charlette Jackson  
Carole Truckenbrod  
Martha Jones  
Janis Sonntag

**2ND SOPRANO**  
Joyce Waller  
Carol Roehm

**BOYS' QUARTET**  
Robert McConville  
Richard Elsesser  
John Klein  
James Finley

**BOYS' HIGH VOICE**  
James Finley

**1ST SOPRANO**  
Joan Klein

### THIRD DIVISION

**BOYS' MEDIUM VOICE**  
Robert McConville

## WINNERS AT STATE

**FIRST DIVISION:** saxophone quartet; oboe solo (Waller);  
baritone solo (Preston, Finley)

**SECOND DIVISION:** 1st flute, 1st trumpet, trombone, and  
baritone trios; bass clarinet

**THIRD DIVISION:** 2nd flute trio; 1st soprano (Preston)





## School ends with

- ▶ CLASS DAY
- ▶ FINAL GRADES
- ▶ GRADUATION
- ▶ SIGNING ATODNEMS

Dear Ronnie,  
 Your luck!  
 I'm not detaching  
 this summer  
 because I would love  
 to club you again.  
 Roger  
 To Chubb

Best Jack  
 Bill Chubb  
 "53"

Good luck, Ronny.  
 You a well guy + a cute  
 base ball player.  
 Mary Lou J



I hope I can have you as a Carpenter's  
next fall. It has been a pleasure to  
have had you as a student

Gilbert E. Gehler.  
IND. ARTS.

S. E. Le Marc

Good Luck to  
a Freshie  
Ronald Montanor

Corky Hines  
"52"

Just think, you  
had the privilege of  
being my student in gym.  
Chuck, Joe Daugherty  
"51"

Best wishes  
to good luck  
science  
Helen  
"53"

Dear Tommy,  
Remember the good old  
General Science class  
when we had contest our side  
was always the best.  
Lots of luck.

Helen Bunton  
"53"

Best of luck.  
Don't forget 5th period  
gym with the girls??  
Hanna "Podgy" Cotton



Best of luck  
to your future  
Dad & Mom  
H "53"

Best of luck  
to a good classmate  
"I see you next year!"  
"I hope!"  
one Schmidt  
"53"

Best of luck in  
your year at W. N. S.  
Mary Bruden  
"53"

loads of luck  
to your future  
years at W. N. S.  
Margot  
"53"

loads of luck  
next year  
Henry  
"53"

loads of luck  
to another "only  
freshman."

Patricia  
"53"

lots of luck  
Neal Gorsley  
"53"

Good luck  
Janet Hudd  
"53"

The best of luck  
to you Robald  
Kathryn  
"53"

Nancy Brown  
"53"

Sam  
(? ?)

Don. Johnson  
"53"

Patti Weininger  
"53"

the best of luck  
to your future  
years, Ronnie

Best of luck to  
a cute little freckle  
to your little freckle  
"Dorothy Brown"

Best of luck  
in all you do  
Ginger  
"53" Brown







